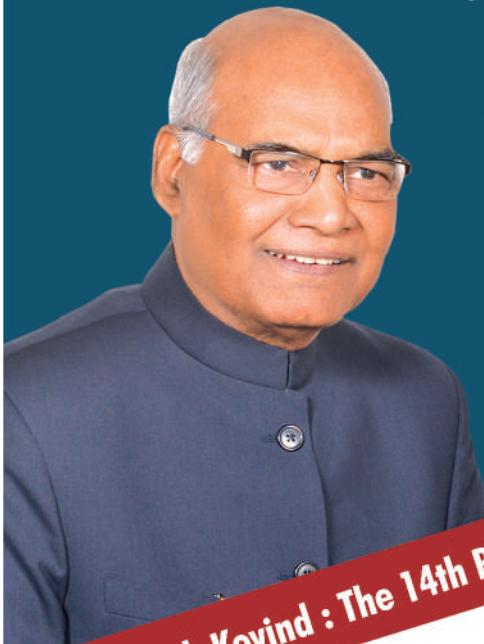


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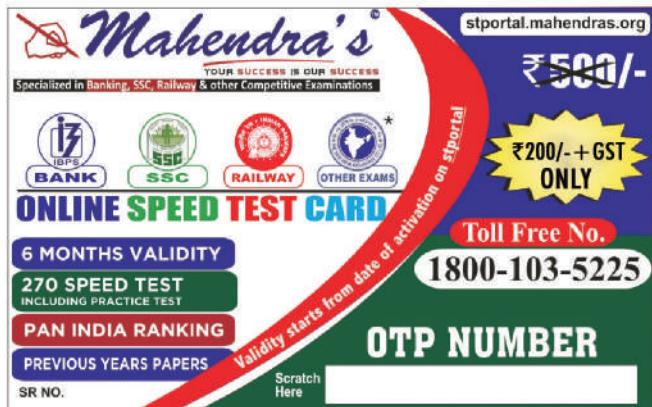
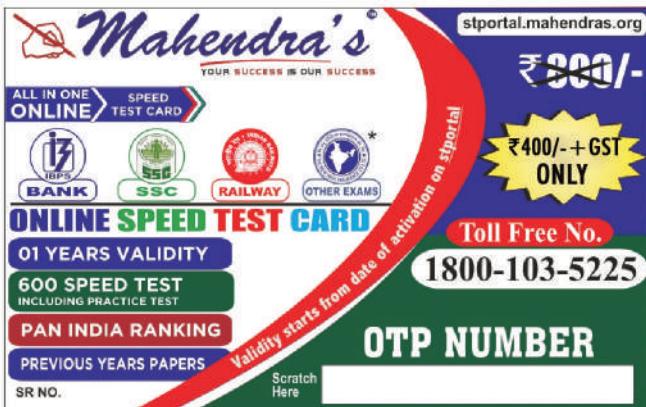


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: GSAT - 17**



**WORLD POPULATION DAY**



**PROMPT CORRECTION : PANACEA TO NPA**



**WIMBLEDON 2017**

# Editorial

**"THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING  
STARTED"**



Dear Aspirants,

If we talk about youth, we observe that the period of youth is an age of aspirations and hopes.

We may consider that this is the time when the future of every aspirant comes before his eyes in the form of sweet dreams.

This is the time when he begins to think.

At this stage, no doubt to say that he makes programs and treasures grand ambitions in his heart.

However, sometimes it happens that an aspirant breaks down right during the time of his preparation for examinations.

So, the aspirant is never able to achieve his aspirations, even till the time he becomes old, if he follows the wrong path.

Here we provide the path with a zenith level of zeal, we present you again with the July issue of your favourite magazine meticulously made for aspirants who want to be ahead of others in the field of competitive examination.

We take privilege to present you study material relevant for the competitive examination keeping in view the requirement of our esteemed readers.

If you read the issue carefully like an eager-beaver, we assure you will be fully equipped in the battlefield of the competitive examination.

In this issue, we are providing you with some of the imperative and substantial events, e.g. GSAT-17 launched by ISRO, World Population Day, PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Israel, Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) by RBI & Wimbledon 2017.

We always try to paint the demands, suggestions and propositions of our readers in our magazine.

We make all efforts to include them in the further issue of the magazine, it gives us great exhilaration that our readers unanimously endorse our drudgery and skill nationally.

MICA gives you guidance, counselling and keeps ahead in every aspect of competition, because we believe in the quote-

**"Your Success is Our Success"**

**Gratitude**

**With Best Wishes**

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## INTERVIEW

### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Name** : SOUMYA SINGH

**Father's Name** : MR. PARMATMA  
NAND SINGH

**Mother's Name** : MRS. SHILA SINGH

**Hobbies** : Reading and listening  
to Music

**Prior Selection** : Allahabad Bank PO,  
Central Bank of India

**Name of the Exam:** Canara Bank

**Roll No. of Qualified Exam :** 3071332609

**Roll No. of Mahendra Institute :** ALM030631744



**MICA** : Mahendras family expresses its heartiest  
congratulations on your success.

**Soumya** : Thank You.

**MICA** : To whom do you want to give the credit of  
your selection?

**Soumya** : My family and my teachers.

**MICA** : After how many attempts did you succeed in  
examination?

**Soumya** : This was my 1st attempt.

**MICA** : What is the role of Mahendra institute in your  
selection?

**Soumya** : Mahendra provided me with very good study  
material, online speed tests and the real time  
of interview classes which proved to be very  
helpful.

**MICA** : How did you prepare for the examination?

**Soumya** : By regularly reading English News Papers  
and drilling on Question Paper Sets

### English

I used to read 'The Hindu' newspaper on daily basis and  
took Speed Tests on regular basis.

### Reasoning Ability

Mahendras Books on Reasoning Ability helped me a  
lot to deal with various types of problems on verbal as  
well as non-verbal reasoning and of course the Speed  
Tests.

### Maths

Mahendraguru you tube videos were very useful. I  
Solved Questions in classes and took STs on regular  
basis.

### General Awareness

Read Current Affairs via mahendraguru site as all the  
relevant and exam focused material is available.

### Computer & Marketing

Solved Practice Sets and remain updated via  
mahendraguru app.

**MICA** : How do you take "Master in Current Affairs  
Magazine"?

**Soumya** : MICA in itself is a 'complete' magazine for  
general awareness with exam focused content,  
latest questions and model test papers of other  
subjects too.

**MICA** : What is the best thing about your coaching  
institute, according to you?

**Soumya** : According to me it is the facility of speed tests  
and PSS apart from best faculty and their right  
guidance.

**MICA** : What is the role of "Time Management" in  
one's success?

**Soumya** : It is the key to crack Bank exams, apart from  
subject knowledge, time management is  
utmost important.

**MICA** : How did you prepare for the Interview?

**Soumya** : I joined interview classes and attended all the  
mocks interviews which helped me a lot in  
grooming my personality.

**MICA** : Tell us about the Interview Board and the  
questions asked?

**Soumya** : The interview board was very friendly and  
mostly personal questions were asked.

### The questions asked were:

**(I)** Tell us about your family and about the profession of  
you father and Sisters.

**(II)** Parent company of NBT, its layout, editorial stories.

**(III)** What is SEBI, difference between introducer and  
guarantor and revenue leakage.

**(IV)** Hobbies, Favourite Author, Weakness.

**MICA** : By whom did you get information of your  
selection and what was your reaction?

**Soumya** : I checked the result myself and was extremely  
happy after seeing it.

**MICA** : What message do you want to convey to other  
aspirants?

**Soumya** : Don't lose hope, keep trying and success will  
surely come your way.

**MICA** : Congratulations once again on your success.  
Your success is our success.

**Soumya** : Thank You Mahendras for guiding me to  
Success.

India makes voluntary contribution of USD 100000 to the United Nations Tax Fund

- ↗ Country that has signed the OECD multilateral convention that aims to check cross-border tax evasion by multinational companies is:
- ↗ Rank of Virat Kohli in the 2017 Forbes list of 'The World's highest paid athletes' is:
- ↗ Appointed as the new FBI Director by US president Donald Trump:
- ↗ Ranjith Kally who died recently was a famous:
- ↗ Prominent telecom engineer and policy maker Sam Pitroda resigned as the technical advisor from:
- ↗ The Director General of Bureau of Indian Standards is:
- ↗ The Reserve Bank of India marginally lowered the economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to:
- ↗ IPPB will offer demand deposits such as savings and current accounts upto a balance of:
- ↗ Axa Re, who received approval from IRDAI to open branches in India, belongs to country:
- ↗ Recently the Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval to the Agreement on Merchant Shipping with:
- ↗ The value of MSF according to the latest RBI Monetary Policy 2017-18 is:
- ↗ Elected as Nepal's prime minister for the fourth time:
- ↗ The club that has been named the world's most valuable football club by Forbes magazine for the first time in five years:
- ↗ Appointed Chief Executive Officer of Government e- Marketplace (GeM):
- ↗ India signed an agreement to provide USD 318 million as a line of credit to develop the nation's railway sector to:
- ↗ Online food ordering and delivery firm Foodpanda has signed up whom as its brand ambassador:
- ↗ 'Skill for Life, Save a Life' initiative to promote skill development in the health sector launched by:
- ↗ India's first railway station to be redeveloped in a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode is:
- ↗ The world's fastest Elevator, Developed by Hitachi is going to set up in:
- ↗ The satellite launched by ISRO via its GSLV MkIII rocket is:
- ↗ India has signed a USD 39.2 million (over Rs 251 crore) loan agreement for the Citizen Centric Service Delivery project in Assam with:
- ↗ Ramkumar Ramanathan related to sport:
- ↗ According to the 2017 Global Retail Development Index (GRDI), India's rank in the ease of doing business report is:
- ↗ Appointed as the brand ambassador for the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI):
- ↗ The company that has roped Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan as its brand ambassador is:
- ↗ In context to national scheme, the 'L' stands for in the abbreviation "SLNP" is:
- ↗ The company that has announced the appointment of Satish Borwankar as the new chief operating officer (COO) of the company is:
- ↗ Famous actor Roger Smith died. He was hailed from:
- ↗ Got approval for the merger of Telenor India with the company by Competition Commission of India (CCI):
- ↗ The 'R' stands for in the abbreviation "QR-SAM" related to Defence Technology is:
- ↗ India's rank in the latest Competitiveness Index by IMD ratings is:
- ↗ According to World Bank, India's GDP forecast for the year 2017 is:
- ↗ What is India's Growth rate for the current fiscal by HSBC report is:
- ↗ Country that has signed an MoU with China Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC) for the development of the much-touted 1,200 MW Budhigandaki Hydroelectric Project is:

India

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Christopher Wray

Photographer

Odisha government

Alka Panda

7.3 %

1 Lakh

France

Cyprus

6.50 %

Sher Bahadur Deuba

Manchester United

Radha Chauhan

Sri Lanka

Shah Rukh Khan

J.P.Nadda

Habibganj

China

GSAT-19

World Bank

Tennis

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Dia Mirza

Zebrionics

Lighting

Tata Motors

America

Bharti Airtel

Response

45

7.2 %

7.1 %

Nepal

Former Vice Chancellor of Ambedkar University, Manoj Soni took oath as UPSC Member

- Anu Rani related to which sport:
- B Sai Praneeth is related to which sport:
- Became the first team to retain the European Cup in the Champions League era:
- District that has been selected for the MGNREGA annual award this year is:
- The World Environment Day is observed on:
- Appointed as the CEO of Prasar Bharati based on the recommendation of the three-member committee headed by Vice President:
- Who Developed a wireless technology called 'AmbuSens' for remote monitoring of condition of those patients who are ferried in ambulances:
- India's rank in the Global Peace Index 2017 is:
- Indian-origin Minister Leo Varadkar has been elected as the youngest and the first openly gay Prime Minister of:
- The new name of the merged entity created after the merger of Reliance and Aircel is:
- The 90th Scripps National Spelling Bee contest, held annually in the United States of America won by:
- The second Scorpene class submarine which is ready for its sea trials is:
- India's First Automatic Coastal Warning for Disasters to come up in:
- Appointed as the new PM of France:
- Conferred with the first Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Lifetime Achievement Award by President Pranab Mukherjee:
- India has signed an agreement for setting up of two more Nuclear Plants in Tamil Nadu with:
- Recently India has successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile from a test range in Odisha named as:
- According to Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BofAML), India's GDP growth in the year 2017-18 based on new GDP Series is:
- Nominated as the chairperson of the Asian Para-Badminton Committee:
- Country that has withdrawn its interest from the Paris Agreement on Climate Change is:
- Became the official sponsor for the 2018 and 2022 editions of FIFA World Cup:
- Union Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated the first mega food park in:
- Set a new national record in the women's hammer throw at the 21st Federation Cup National Senior Athletics Championships is:
- The 2017 World Table Tennis Championships is being held in:
- For imparting skill training and technical education to the youths in order to provide better employment opportunities abroad, The United Kingdom has decided to join hands with:
- Elected as the next president of UN General Assembly:
- India has signed seven agreements, including on cyber security and technical cooperation in civil aviation with:
- 'European Golden Shoe' for a record equalling fourth time won by:
- Parvathamma Rajkumar related to:
- Appointed as the Chairman of country's biggest company Indian Oil Corporation (IOC):
- Appointed as the public policy fellow to a Washington-based think-tank 'Wilson Centre':
- Released a stamp on noted playwright and theatre director late Balwant Gargi:
- The World Bank will extend a loan of USD 36 million to improve the efficiency of public expenditure management and tax administration in:

Javelin Throw

Badminton

Real Madrid

Vizianagaram

5 June

Shashi Shekhar Vempati

IIT Kharagpur

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Ireland

Aircom

Ananya Vinay

INS Khanderi

Odisha

Edouard Philip

Pawan Kumar Chamling

Russia

Prithvi-II

7.2 %

Himanta Biswa Sarma

America

Vivo

Odisha

Sarita Singh

Germany

Punjab

Miroslav Lajcak

Spain

Lionel Messi

Cinema

Sanjiv Singh

Nirupama Rao

Kirron Kher

Himachal Pradesh

Election Commission to launch nationwide Voter Registration Reminder on Facebook

**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

- The payment window for the 'Buy Now, Pay Later' service started by IRCTC recently is:
- ..... Appointed by the Supreme Court as one of the four administrators of BCCI, resigned from his post:
- Defence Minister Arun Jaitley inaugurated a grid-connected solar power plant of 16 MW capacity at the Ordinance Factory in:
- Former Union minister Dasari Narayana Rao died recently, he was also a famous:
- President Pranab Mukherjee awarded Fujii Takeshi of Japan and Gabriela Nik Ilieva of US with the George Grearson Award for promoting:
- Appointed as the chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes:
- Appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Oriental Insurance Company Limited:
- Took over as the new Chairman of Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH):
- First Tamil sports channel of India:
- The only Indian cricketer to feature in the top 10 of the ICC Players Rankings for ODIs is:
- Number of Indians that features in 'ESPN's World Fame 100', a list ranking the world's 100 most famous athletes is:
- 2017 Dada Saheb Phalke Academy Award for being an international icon is given to:
- Who has Selected for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar for the year 2016:
- India has signed an agreement that provides for stepping up defence and security ties including in defence production and military training with:
- The fastest batsman to reach 7,000 ODI runs in one-day internationals is:
- The number of medals India has bagged in the recently- concluded '27th Meeting of Shooting Hopes' are:
- According to World Bank, India's GDP growth in FY 2018 is:
- Tapan Banerjee, who passed away recently related to sport:
- Appointed as the new chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia:
- Constantine Mitsotakis who passed away recently was the former PM of:
- Movie that has won the Palme d'Or top prize at the Cannes film festival is:
- The country's first indigenously built Scorpene-class submarine that has conducted successful test fire of a torpedo is:
- The 75th Monaco Grand Prix 2017 won by:
- The country who has launched a national satellite navigation and positioning system which will provide positioning service to transportation, emergency medical rescue and city planning and management is:
- Company who became the most profitable Public Sector Unit(PSU) in India is:
- Premier Futsal League is related to:
- Country that has won the Sudirman Cup badminton tournament title for the first time in 14 years is:
- India has signed four agreements in the field of maritime security, marine science and technology with:
- Named as the new CEO of NIIT Technologies:
- According to data of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), country that has emerged as the top source of foreign direct investment (FDI) into India in 2016-17 is:
- Name of Former Punjab top cop who is credited with having played a big role in eliminating terrorism from Punjab is:
- Appointed by the US council as a judge to the Cincinnati-based Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals:

**14 Days**

**Ramachandra Guha**

**Medak**

**Filmmaker**

**Hindi language**

**Ram Shankar Katheria**

**A.V.Girija**

**O.P.Prahladka**

**Star Sports Tamil**

**Virat Kohli**

**4**

**Priyanka Chopra**

**Satyabrata Raut**

**Fiji**

**Hashim Amla**

**11**

**7.2 %**

**Cricket**

**Nazma Heptulla**

**Greece**

**The Square**

**Kalvari**

**Sebastian Vettel**

**China**

**IOC**

**Football**

**South Korea**

**Mauritius**

**Sudhir Singh**

**Mauritius**

**K.P.Gill**

**Amul Thapar**

**Loknath Behra appointed as DGP of Kerala**

**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

- Appointed as the new chairman of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI):
- India's first multi-modal electric vehicle project was recently inaugurated in:
- The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Guwahati to be set up in Assam, is laid by:
- Assumed charge of the Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities in New Delhi:
- In the abbreviation "DIPP", 'T' stands for:
- Who signed an agreement with Institute of Chemical Technology to build ethanol plants based on indigenous technology:
- CEO of SpaceX is:
- Naval Chief of India is:
- According to a report compiled by fDi Intelligence, the country which is the top most greenfield FDI investment destination in the world is:
- In the list of top landmarks, according to 'TripAdvisor's Travellers Choice Awards' (Landmarks), Taj Mahal has been ranked:
- The only Indian company to be named among the top 10 consumer financial services companies in the world is:
- Tenure of the newly appointed chairman of SME Council is:
- Elected as the Chairman of International Fertilizer Association (IFA):
- Appointed as the secretary of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE):
- The length of the recently inaugurated Dhola Sadiya Bridge is:
- Sworn in as the new President of Ecuador:
- Became one of the members of the BWF Athletes' Commission:
- Swachh Bharat app at the National Museum in New Delhi launched by:
- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has been elected as the new Director-General of:
- World's largest aircraft, who has successfully completed a test flight by flying for a total of 180 minutes in Cardington, UK is:
- City that has been ranked the world's second most densely populated city by the World Economic Forum (WEF) is:
- International Cricketer of the Year award at the CEAT Cricket Rating International Awards 2017 bagged by:
- Which bank along with New India Assurance Company Ltd. have signed an agreement to provide security to the cooperative farmers:
- The government approved the Noida-Greater Noida Metro Rail project to be built at a cost of:
- Who has selected for the J C Daniel Award-2016, Kerala Government's highest honour for outstanding contribution to Malayalam cinema:
- International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed on:
- IFFCO has launched co-branded debit card for farmers that has an in-built overdraft facility of Rs 2,500 with one- month interest-free period with:
- A loan of USD 500 million (about Rs 3,238 crore) to improve road transport in Rajasthan is approved by:
- Country that has won gold medal in the Team Relay event at the 2nd Asian Youth Athletics Championships 2017 is:
- The famous Roger Moore has died recently, he was a famous:
- State that has signed five agreements with Singapore-based companies is:
- Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) is:

**Rajan Anandan**

**Nagpur**

**Narendra Modi**

**Syed Hasan Rizvi**

**Industrial**

**L&T**

**Elon Musk**

**Sunil Lanba**

**India**

**3**

**HDFC Ltd**

**3 years**

**Rakesh Kapur**

**Anurag Tripathy**

**9.15 Km**

**Lenin Moreno**

**P.V.Sindhu**

**Mahesh Sharma**

**WHO**

**Airlander 10**

**Mumbai**

**R.Ashwin**

**APEX Bank**

**5500 Cr**

**Adoor Gopalkrishnan**

**24 May**

**Bank of Baroda**

**ADB**

**India**

**Actor**

**Haryana**

**M.S.Sahoo**

## SPOTLIGHT

### ABBREVIATIONS

<b>ACTA</b>	Anti-counterpart Trade Agreement
<b>ACS</b>	Automated Clearing System
<b>ASHA</b>	Accredited Social Health Activist
<b>BIIFR</b>	Board For Industrial And Financial Reconstruction
<b>CCEA</b>	Cabinet Committee On Economic Affairs
<b>CCI</b>	Competition Commission Of India

### IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

<b>September 05</b>	National Teacher's Day (Dr. Radhakrishnan's Birth Day)/ Sanskrit Day
<b>September 07</b>	World Forgiveness Day
<b>September 08</b>	World Literacy Day
<b>September 10</b>	World Anti-Suicide Day
<b>September 14</b>	Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day/ World First Aid Day
<b>September 15</b>	International Day of Democracy/ International Engineer's Day
<b>September 16</b>	World Ozone Day
<b>September 21</b>	World Peace Day/ International Day for Peace and Non-violence (UN)/ World Alzheimer's Day
<b>September 22</b>	World Cancer Free Day
<b>September 23</b>	International Day of the Deaf
<b>September 26</b>	World Contraception Day
<b>September 27</b>	World Tourism Day
<b>September 28</b>	World Rabies Day
<b>September 29</b>	World Heart Day

### MYTH BUSTER

#### Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is a committee of the Reserve Bank of India, headed by its Governor. It has been entrusted with the task of fixing the benchmark policy interest rate to contain inflation within the specified target level.

Monetary Policy Committee is defined in Section 2(iii)(cci) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and is constituted under Sub-section (1) of Section 45ZB of the same Act.

#### The six-member of MPC are:

Three members are appointed by the Government of India.

Chetan Ghate (a professor at Indian Statistical Institute).

Pami Dua, (Director at Delhi School of Economics).

Ravindra Dholakia (a professor at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad).

#### Three members are from RBI

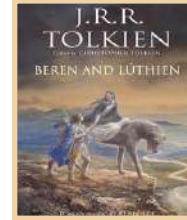
Urjit Patel (Governor of RBI).

R. Gandhi (Deputy Governor of RBI).

Michael Patra (Executive Director of RBI).

The RBI governor will have a casting vote in case of a tie.

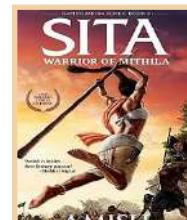
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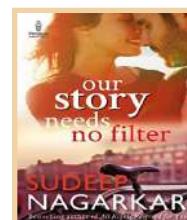
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:-J.R.R.Tolkien



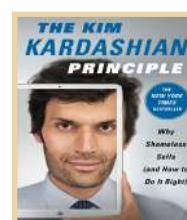
**The One Device**  
:- Brain Merchant



**Sita- Warrior of Mithila**  
:- Amish Tripathi



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:- Sudeep Nagarkar



**The Kim Kardashian Principle: Why Shameless Selfie (and How to Do It Right)**  
:- Jeetendra Sehdev

The Central Government announced the launch of National Biopharma Mission

### APPOINTMENT

#### Shashi Shanker

Shashi Shanker will be the next Chairman and Managing Director of India's biggest oil and gas producer, ONGC.

Government headhunter Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB) selected Shanker to head Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) from October 1.



Shanker is currently Director (Technical and Field Services), ONGC. He will replace Dinesh K Sarraf who retires on September 30 upon attaining superannuation age. His appointment will be finalised after ACC, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approves it. Shanker, 56, will have a nearly four-year term till March 2021.

#### Dalveer Bhandari

Justice Dalveer Bhandari has been nominated by India as its candidate for another nine year term as judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the UN.



Bhandari, 69, was elected in April 2012 during simultaneous balloting in both the General Assembly and the Security Council to a seat on the International Court of Justice, which is also known as the World Court and is based in The Hague in the Netherlands. His current term runs through February 2018.

The ICJ elections will be held in November and if elected, he will serve a term of nine years.

The ICJ is composed of 15 judges elected to nine-year terms by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council that vote simultaneously but separately.

#### Rajiv Gauba

Following the end of his term, the Union Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi will be replaced by Union Urban Development Secretary Rajiv Gauba. Mehrishi's tenure ends on August 30, following which Gauba will take over as Home Secretary on August 31.



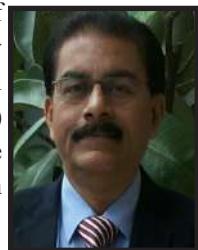
Gauba will be replaced by Durga Shanker Mishra as the Urban Development Secretary.

Following Shaktikanta Das' retirement from the post of Economic Affairs Secretary, senior bureaucrat and an Executive Director in World Bank Subhash C Garg will take over the post.

The Current Secretary of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Aruna Sundararajan will be the new Telecom Secretary, whereas NHAI chief Yudhvir Singh Malik has been appointed the Road, Transport and Highways Secretary.

#### RR Mishra

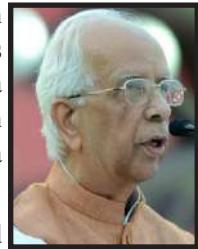
The Chairman-cum-managing Director of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), Rajiv R Mishra has been assigned additional charge of director (personnel and IR) of Coal India Limited (CIL) after the termination of the services of R Mohan Das in April.



The additional charge is for three months or till the appointment of a regular incumbent to the post.

#### Keshari Nath Tripathi

West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi took oath as Bihar Governor as additional charge in Patna. The Patna High Court Chief Justice Rajendra Menon administered the oath to Tripathi at a function at Raj Bhawan.

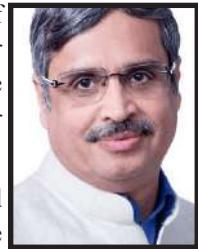


Prominent among those who attended the ceremony were Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Prasad Yadav and Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary.

The post of Bihar Governor fell vacant after Ram Nath Kovind resigned following the BJP-led NDA's decision to select him as its candidate for the post of president.

#### Sunil Kakar

IDFC Ltd announced the appointment of Sunil Kakar as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the company with effect from July 16 for three years.



Besides, the company announced that the board has approved the resignation of veteran banker Vikram Limaye from the post of MD and CEO who is set to join leading stock exchange NSE as its new Managing Director and CEO.

Indian Scientist Prof. Ashutosh Sharma has been awarded with the UNESCO Award

### Kaushik Basu

Former chief economic advisor Kaushik Basu has taken over as president of the International Economic Association (IEA). Basu's tenure will be of three years.

Basu has also served as senior vice-president and chief economist at the World Bank from 2012 to 2016 and as the chief economic adviser to the Government of India from 2009 to 2012.



### Krishna R Urs

The US President Donald Trump has appointed Indian-American Krishna R Urs as the new US Ambassador to Peru.

A career service American diplomat since 1986, Urs is currently Charge d'Affaires of the US Embassy in Madrid, Spain, where he was also the Deputy Chief of Mission.



### Rajesh Shah

The government appointed Rajesh V Shah as Chairperson on the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Fashion Technology. He will replace former cricketer Chetan Chauhan.



Chetan Chauhan resigned from the post after being made the Sports Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

The Union Government (Ministry of Textiles) has appointed Rajesh V Shah as Chairperson on the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Fashion Technology up to March 31, 2019.

### Deepak Kumar

Senior IAS officer Deepak Kumar has taken over as the Chairman, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).



He succeeds YS Malik, who has been appointed as the Secretary, Road Transport and Highways, NHAI said in a statement.

### Shamma Jain

Senior diplomat Shamma Jain has been appointed as India's ambassador to Greece.

A 1983-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Jain is currently serving as Indian envoy to Panama. Jain succeeds M Manimekalai as Indian envoy in Greece.



### Arvind Kathpalia

The government has appointed Arvind Kathpalia director of operations at Air India as the government moves ahead with divestment of the national carrier.

According to an order, he has been appointed for five years or for his retirement or next order, whichever is earlier. His appointment will be treated from the date of assuming office.



### KK Venugopal

Senior advocate KK Venugopal is the new Attorney General for India. President Pranab Mukherjee has approved his appointment. Venugopal will succeed Mukul Rohatgi.



Venugopal had served as the Additional Solicitor General in the Morarji Desai government. He assisted the Supreme Court in a number of cases and was *amicus curiae* in the 2G spectrum scam case.

### R K Pachnanda

R K Pachnanda, IPS took charge as the new Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).



Krishna Chaudhary, DG who retired on superannuation, handed over the customary baton to Pachnanda in a function held at the Force HQ at CGO Complex. Pachnanda is the 29th Chief of the ITBP.

### AK Jyoti

Achal Kumar Jyoti, a 1975-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Gujarat cadre, will be the next Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India. Jyoti took charge from incumbent Nasim Zaidi.



Chana and Chana Dal words added to Oxford English Dictionary

Zaidi retired from his post on 6 July 2017. He took over as the CEC on 19 April 2015. Achal Kumar Jyoti was the Election Commissioner of India along with O P Rawat. He took over as the Election Commissioner of India in May 2017.

He was the senior-most official in the Election Commission. An EC or a CEC has a tenure of six years in office or till he or she attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

### Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor

Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor was on 1 July 2017 sworn in as the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Lam took her oath before President Xi Jinping, who oversaw the swearing-in ceremony.

With this, Lam became Hong Kong's fifth Chief Executive since 1997 and the first female to hold the post.



### N Chandrasekaran

Tata Global Beverages Ltd. appointed Tata Sons' head Natarajan Chandrasekaran as the Chairman of its board with immediate effect.



Chandrasekaran will succeed Harish Bhat, who was appointed in place of former Tata Sons chairman Cyrus Mistry in November last year.

The company has also appointed Siraj Azmat Chaudhary as a non-executive independent director.

Along with this appointment added to his kitty, Chandrasekaran functions as the Chairman of group operating companies including Tata Power, Tata Motors, Tata Steel and Tata Consultancy Services, and continues to be the first non-Parsi to take over reigns of the country's most diversified business group.

### Mahesh Senanayake

Lt General Mahesh Senanayake, a battle-hardened officer who played a key role in defeating the Tamil Tigers during the brutal civil war, will be Sri Lanka's new army commander.



Senanayake was appointed by Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena as the country's new army commander after being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General.

Apart from this, Austin Fernando has been appointed the President's Secretary while Kapila Vaidyaratne has been made the new Secretary in the Ministry of Defense.

### Sanjay Kumar

Himachal Pradesh DGP Sanjay Kumar has been appointed as the new chief of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).



The post of NDRF Director General (DG) fell vacant after incumbent R K Pachnanda was appointed as the chief of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), the Sino-Indian border guarding force.

Pachnanda, at present, is still holding the charge of the NDRF DG after he took over as the ITBP DG on June 30.

Kumar, who is the Director General of Police in Himachal Pradesh, is set to retire in December next year.

### Somesh Goyal

Somesh Goyal, a 1984-batch IPS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the state's director general of police (DGP).



He replaces Sanjay Kumar who has been appointed as director general of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

### Kewal Handa

Kewal Handa was appointed as non-executive chairman of Union Bank of India.



The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Handa's appointment as non-official director/non-executive chairman of the bank. He has been appointed for 3 years.

### John Joseph

A key intelligence agency tasked with checking evasion of Goods and Services Tax (GST) has got its new chief.



Senior bureaucrat John Joseph has been appointed Director General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DG GSTI).

He is at present posted in Mumbai and expected to take the new charge soon.

Bhumika Sharma won the Miss World Body Building title

The DG GSTI is the new name given to the Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence (DGCEI), mandated to check service tax and central excise duty evasion.

The post of chief of central excise intelligence (now GST intelligence) was lying vacant for over a month after R K Mahajan took charge as Member, Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC). Mahajan has been given the additional charge of the DG GSTI till the joining of the new chief.

### Vijay Sinha

DHFL General Insurance has appointed Vijay Sinha as its managing director and chief executive officer.



DHFL General Insurance is a general insurance venture promoted by Wadhawan Global Capital, which is a core investment company with its flagship brand being the listed housing finance entity, Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL).

Prior to it, Sinha has worked at organisations like Life Insurance Corporation of India, Tata AIA Life Insurance Company and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company.

### Subhash Garg

Senior bureaucrat Subhash Chandra Garg assumed charge as secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in the finance ministry.



A 1983 batch IAS officer, from the Rajasthan cadre, Garg was World Bank executive director for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Sri Lanka prior to this appointment.

He succeeds Shaktikanta Das, who retired after an extended tenure on May 31. Corporate Affairs Secretary Tapan Ray was given additional charge of DEA secretary after Das exit.

### Thomas Kuehl

Japanese auto major Nissan has appointed former Skoda Auto India brand head, Thomas Kuehl as president of its Indian operations.



He will replace Guillaume Sicard, who stepped down recently to take up a new post with Alliance partner Renault as

Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Asia Pacific and MD, South Asia.

Kuehl will take charge of his new assignment from October one, 2017 and will be responsible for both Nissan and Datsun brands.

### Rajeev Dubey

Group president of HR & Corporate Services at Mahindra & Mahindra, Rajeev Dubey has been elected to the governing board of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva.



The ILO, which is the only tripartite body of the United Nations Organisation, was set up with a mandate of working towards global social justice. It works with the objective of maximizing the organization's influence in promoting decent work opportunities for all.

ILO comprises of 56 members, including 14 members from the employer, 14 from the trade union and 28 members from the government.

### Aarthi Subramanian

Tata Sons, the holding company of salt-to-software Tata Group has appointed Aarthi Subramanian as the group's Chief Digital Officer.



Subramanian, who is currently the Executive Director at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) will report to Chairman of Tata Sons, N Chandrasekaran and will take up her new role in August this year.

She brings with her over 26 years of experience in the global technology sector. Starting her career with TCS, she has worked in diverse roles in India, Sweden, the US and Canada.

### Subra Suresh

Subra Suresh, an eminent Indian- origin scientist in the US has been named as the President of Singapore's prestigious Nanyang Technological University.



Suresh, 61, will begin his term as the fourth president of the NTU on January 1, 2018, taking over from current president Bertil Andersson.

Prof Suresh joins NTU from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) where he was President for the last four years.

Number of users of social networking site Facebook reached two billion

### Mukesh Kumar Jain

Mukesh Kumar Jain has been appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer of Oriental Bank of Commerce.

He is at present the executive director in Punjab and Sind Bank. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Jain's appointment to the post for a period of three years.

### Subhash Chandra Garg

The Government has nominated the Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg to the central board of directors of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He will replace Shaktikanta Das.

The nomination of Garg is effective July 12, 2017, and until further orders.

The Reserve Bank's affairs are governed by the central board of directors, which is appointed by the government.

### Lilly Singh

UNICEF appointed Indian-origin Canadian YouTube star Lilly Singh as its newest Global Goodwill Ambassador at a special event.



The YouTuber, famous as 'Superwoman', said she would come up with few videos in Hindi and would try to put Hindi subtitles in her English videos to increase the reach of her vlogs and channel.

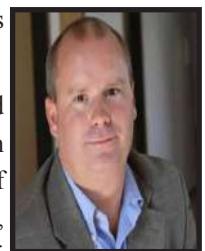
As the UNICEF ambassador Lilly, who has 11.9 million subscribers on the video sharing website, will use her channel to showcase the organisation's work and urge millions of her followers to work for children's rights.

The 28-year-old star has also started a new initiative on social media -#GirlLove- which aims to end girl-on-girl hate.

### Patrik Riese

Volkswagen Finance, the financial arm of the Volkswagen Group in India, has appointed Patrik Riese as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

Riese has taken charge from Andreas Kutzner.



Volkswagen Finance Pvt Ltd caters to all the group brands in India operating under the name of Volkswagen Financial Services, Skoda Financial Services, Audi Financial Services, among others and also provides financial services to Porsche, Lamborghini and Scania in India.

### Preet Kaur Gill

Britain's first woman Sikh MP Preet Kaur Gill has been elected to an influential cross-party panel in the UK Parliament that examines the workings of the Home Office.



Gill, who won the Edgbaston seat for the Labour party in the June 8 snap general election, was elected to the Home Affairs Select Committee in the UK Parliament.

The House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee was chaired by Keith Vaz, Britain's longest-serving Indian-origin MP, until he stepped down from the post last year.

Its newly-elected chair is Labour party MP Yvette Cooper, elected unopposed to the post.

Gill has also been chosen to lead the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for British Sikhs.

Meanwhile, a veteran Indian-origin Labour MP, Virendra Sharma, was re-elected chair of the Indo-British All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG).

### TR Zeliang

Naga People's Front leader and ruling DAN Chairman TR Zeliang was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Nagaland. Governor PB Acharya administered oath to Zeliang after Shurhozelie Liezetsu failed to turn up in the special emergent session of the State Assembly to take a floor test.



Zeliang becomes the 19th chief minister of the Northeastern state. He was appointed as the chief minister in the morning by the governor.

### Union Cabinet approves establishment of International Rice Research Institute in Varanasi

### AWARDS/HONOURS

#### PM's Yoga award

The Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute of Pune has been selected as the first recipient of the prime minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of yoga 2017.



Last year, at the 2nd International Day of Yoga celebrations at Chandigarh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the institution of awards for the promotion of the ancient Indian spiritual discipline.

The Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute has worked to spread yoga internationally. The institute has published several books on yoga and these have been translated into multiple languages.

#### Ministry of Environment award

Indian agricultural microbiologist Shrihari Chandraghatgi has been conferred the Ministry of Environment Award for 2017 in Japan for developing cutting edge technologies to address burning environmental problems.



Chandraghatgi, who is President and CEO of EcoCycle Corporation, is the first foreigner to be given the Ministry of Environment Award, the highest award in environmental sector in Japan.

The Ministry of Environment Award is the highest honour given in the environmental sector every year by the Ministry of Environment, Japan.

#### Skytrax World Airline Award

Qatar Airways was announced the World's Best Airline at the SKYTRAX 2017 World Airline Awards.



Qatar Airways was voted Best Airline by travellers across the world in the annual passenger survey.

The Doha based carrier has now won the prestigious Airline of the Year title for a fourth time.

Qatar Airways also won the World's Best Business Class, the World's Best First Class Lounge and the Best Airline in the Middle East awards.

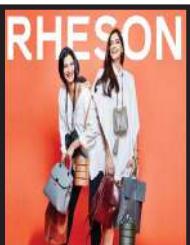
On the other hand, Air Asia won awards for being the Best Low-Cost Airline in Asia for a month year in the row, and also as World's Best Low-Cost Airline Premium Cabin 2017.

#### Other major awards:

- ❖ World's Best Low-Cost Airline: AirAsia
- ❖ Best Low-Cost Airline in Asia: AirAsia
- ❖ Best Airline in Central Asia / India: Air Astana
- ❖ Best Regional Airline in Asia: Bangkok Airways
- ❖ Best Low-Cost Airline in Central Asia / India: Indigo
- ❖ Best Airline in Asia: Singapore Airlines

#### Compassionate Business Award

Actress Sonam Kapoor and her producer-sister Rhea Kapoor's fashion label, Rheson, has bagged the Compassionate Business Award from the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India for a line of bags made exclusively of vegan materials.



This is not the first time that Sonam, who was crowned PETA's Hottest Vegetarian Celebrity of 2016, has stood for animals.

#### Best Parliamentarian Award

RSP leader and Lok Sabha member N K Premachandran has been selected for the Best Parliamentarian Award for 2016 by Lokmat media group for his contribution to strengthening the parliamentary democracy and its value system.



The award will be conferred on him by Vice President Hamid Ansari and Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan during the upcoming session of Parliament.

#### Shan-e-Mohammedan honour

Mohammedan Sporting Club bestowed the honour of the Shan-e-Mohammedan to former India International Latifuddin Najam for his overall contributions towards the 126-year-old club.



The Shan-e-Mohammedan is the Lifetime Achievement Award of Mohammedan Sporting Club, which is awarded annually to respect and laud indispensable contribution of football players to the club.

#### World's first ATM celebrates its 50th birthday

### UN Highest public service award

In a major boost to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's pet project 'Kanyashree', the United Nations accorded its highest award for public service to the West Bengal government for the scheme initiated to empower the girl child with education.



The project was launched in 2011 soon after Mamata Banerjee came to power and has helped more than 40 lakh female students in the state.

'Kanyashree' was ranked the best among 552 such social sector schemes from across 62 countries that were nominated for the coveted award. The award was presented at the World Public Service Forum by UN Assistant Secretary General at a ceremony in Hague in Netherlands.

'Kanyashree Prakalpa' is a targeted conditional cash transfer scheme aimed at retaining girls in schools and other educational and skill development institutions along with preventing child marriage.

### Shanghai Film Festival

Bollywood Superstar Salman Khan's "Sultan" has won the best action movie award at the Shanghai International Film Festival (SIFF).



Ahead of its China release, "Sultan" became the first ever Bollywood film to win the award in the Jackie Chan Action Movie week section, which focuses on a selection of the best in action, special effects, and performances by action stars from China and the Asia Pacific.

Directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, the movie also featured Anushka Sharma.

In 2016, the best action movie award had been given to "IP Man 3," a cult Chinese action franchise that is popular worldwide.

### Bharat Gaurav

Former India hockey captain Dhanraj Pillay will be conferred East Bengal football club's highest honour Bharat Gaurav at its foundation day ceremony on August 1.



"Pillay's contribution to Indian hockey is immense. We have chosen him for this year's Bharat Gaurav. The club is

honoured and humbled that he has accepted our request and will be present for the Foundation Day on August 1," club secretary Kalyan Majumdar said.

The East Bengal club has chosen former India footballers Syed Nayeemuddin and Subhas Bhowmick for the Lifetime Achievement Awards at the function.

### Trafficking in Persons (TIP)

IPS officer Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat from Telangana has been conferred with the prestigious Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report Heroes Award 2017 by the US state department for his fight against human trafficking in India.



At the release of 2017 TIP Report in Washington, Bhagwat was recognised for his vital role in elevating human trafficking as a government priority, and his innovative approach to investigating cases and dismantling trafficking operations.

### GSMA Asia Mobile Award

Indigenously developed mobile application for digitizing vaccine logistics, eVIN, has won the prestigious GSMA Asia Mobile Award 2017 (AMO) for outstanding contribution to the UN's sustainable development goals in Asia.



The Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) is an online real-time vaccine logistics management system developed and implemented by the Ministry of Health and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

eVIN is presently being implemented across 12 states in the country.

### Queen's Young Leaders Award 2017

Anti-hunger activist Ankit Kawatra was recently awarded the Queen's Young Leaders Award for 2017 at the Buckingham Palace. 25-year-old Ankit is the founder of Feeding India, an organisation which is working hard to eradicate hunger and food wastage in India.

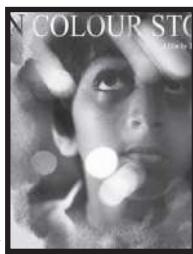


Kawatra received the award from Queen Elizabeth II for doing exceptional work solving hunger and malnutrition in India. Kawatra started Feeding India with just 5 people in the year 2014, which now functions across 43 cities in India with 4,500 volunteers. The foundation is currently serving 8 million meals to the needy.

Maharashtra Government to launch 'My Plant' app to create database on tree plantation

### Audience Award at the annual London Indian Film Festival (LIFF)

'A Billion Colour Story', produced by Bollywood filmmaker Satish Kaushik and directed by Padmakumar Narasimhamurthy, won the Audience Award at the annual London Indian Film Festival (LIFF).



"It's incredibly special for us that 'A Billion Colour Story' resonates with audiences across countries and continents. It continues to vindicate our faith that people and their hearts are the same across cultures and horizons," the filmmakers said in a statement.

### Hollywood International Cinefest

An Assamese film about children growing up in violence-hit places and witnessing brutality around them has won a top prize at the Hollywood International Cinefest for its sensitive portrayal and a striking narrative style.

Bidyut Kotoky's "Xhoixoboite Dhemalite" (Rainbow Fields) was named the Best Foreign Film for "art truly transcending geographical limits".



The festival, held in Los Angeles from June 24-25, received over 400 submissions and films from the US, the UK, France, China, South Korea, Cambodia and Hong Kong besides India. 'After Ever After', made by another Indian director Rakesh Kumar and which is about a man struggling with his nine-year-old daughter's terminal sickness, won the Best Feature award (English).

### Great Immigrants Award

Indian-Americans, Adobe chief Shantanu Narayen and former US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, are among 38 immigrants to be honoured with the 'Great Immigrants award' for their role in helping advance the country's society, culture and economy.



Narayen and Murthy will be honoured with the prestigious Great Immigrants annual award on US Independence Day on July 4.

### Indian of the Year Award

Writer Preeti Shenoy was honoured with the Indian of the Year Award at a function organised in New Delhi.

Shenoy was awarded by Brands Academy, one of the most reputed branding companies in India.



The Award is given to recognise the achievements of personalities who have contributed towards building up the reputation of the country.

In addition to Preeti Shenoy, Kavita Krishnamurthy (singer), Deepa Malik (Paralympic gold medalist) and Ranbir Barar (celebrity chef and TV host) were also honored.

### About Preeti Shenoy

- » Preeti Shenoy is one of India's top five highest selling women authors.
- » She has been consistently nominated for the Forbes List of the 100 most influential celebrities in India since 2013.
- » India Today calls her 'the only woman in the highest-selling league,' alluding to the immense popularity of her books.
- » A few of her famous books are It's All in the Planets, Life Is What You Make It, It Happens For A Reason, among others.

### PM's trophy for best Integrated Steel Plant

Tata Steel Ltd has bagged Prime Minister's trophy for 'Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant' in the country for the performance years 2014-2015 and 2015- 16.



Salient Facts For the third consecutive year, Tata Steel has bagged the award.

Overall, the company has been recognised as the best integrated steel plant for 12 times and has won the PM's Trophy 10 times.

### Golden Peacock environment management award

Climate and energy efficiency solutions company Danfoss India has been conferred with the 'Golden Peacock Award' for Environment Management.



The award was presented during the 19th World Congress on Environment Management' in the presence of Supreme Court Justice Kurien Joseph.

Acknowledging its commitment towards the environment, the company has been recognised for its LEED Platinum rated constructed manufacturing facility in Chennai.

Ravichandran Purushothaman is the present President of Danfoss India.

### Travis Kalanick resigns as Uber CEO

### Best foreign film award in the Hollywood CineFest

Filmmaker Bidyut Kotoky's 'Xhoihobote Dhemalite' (Rainbow Fields) had won the best foreign film award in the Hollywood CineFest.

This film was selected for the world's biggest film festival for children and also given a 4.5 star rating.



This film offers an inside look at children growing up during a violent period in Assam and shows how they are affected.

### Queen's Enterprise Award

Prominent Indian-origin businessman, Yusaffali MA has received the prestigious Queens Enterprise Award 2017 for his food processing plants role in boosting the UK's position as an investor friendly destination.

He said the recognition for his Birmingham-based Y International (UK) Ltd will spur his Abu Dhabi headquartered Lulu Group International to further expand business interests in the UK.



### 2017 IIFA awards

The 18th edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards was announced on 15 July 2017 at MetLife Stadium, in East Rutherford, New Jersey. On the occasion, the Hindi films of 2016 were awarded by the International Indian Film Academy.



Alia Bhatt and Shahid Kapoor bagged the Best Actors for Utda Punjab, where as the best film award went to Neerja.

### List of the awards and awardees

- ❖ Best Film: Neerja
- ❖ Best Actor in a Leading Role: Shahid Kapoor for Utda Punjab
- ❖ Best Actress in a Leading Role: Alia Bhatt for Utda Punjab
- ❖ Best Director: Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury for Pink
- ❖ Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Anupam Kher for M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story

- ❖ Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Shabana Azmi for Neerja
- ❖ Best Performance in a Comic Role: Varun Dhawan for Dishoom
- ❖ Best Performance in a Negative Role: Jim Sarbh for Neerja
- ❖ Best Music Direction: Ae Dil Hai Mushkil – Pritam Chakraborty
- ❖ Best Lyrics: Channa Mereya from Ae Dil Hai Mushkil – Amitabh Bhattacharya
- ❖ Best Male Playback Singer: Amit Mishra for "Bulleya" – Ae Dil Hai Mushkil
- ❖ Best Female Playback Singer: Tulsi Kumar for "Soch Na Sake" – Airlift and Kanika Kapoor for "Da Da Dasse" – Utda Punjab
- ❖ Best Debut (Male): Diljit Dosanjh for Utda Punjab
- ❖ Best Debut (Female): Disha Patani for M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story
- ❖ Best Sound Design: Pranav Shukla – Mirzya
- ❖ Best Background Score: Pritam Chakraborty - Ae Dil Hai Mushkil
- ❖ Best Action: Larnell Stovall, Parvez Shaikh, 'ANL' Arasu - Sultan
- ❖ Best Choreography: Adil Shaikh - Kapoor & Sons
- ❖ Best Costume Design: Manish Malhotra – Ae Dil Hai Mushkil
- ❖ Best Editing: Bodhaditya Bandyopadhyay – Pink
- ❖ Best Production Design: Aparna Sud & Anna Ipe - Neerja
- ❖ Best Sound Mixing: Anuj Mathur – Sultan
- ❖ Best Special Effects: Red Chillies VFX – Fan
- ❖ Best Cinematography: Anil Mehta, ISC & WICA - Ae Dil Hai Mushkil
- ❖ Best Dialogue: Ritesh Shah - Pink
- ❖ Best Makeup: Greg Cannom - Fan
- ❖ Best Screenplay: Ritesh Shah – Pink
- ❖ Best Sound Recording: Shadab Rayeen for Deewani Mastani – Ae Dil Hai Mushkil
- ❖ Woman of the Year (in a special category): Taapsee Pannu for Pink

Venkaiah Naidu releases new version of NHB RESIDEX

### OBITUARY

#### Amrit Pal

Veteran actor Amrit Pal passed away. He was 76.

The actor mostly played villainous roles in films and shared screen space with top yesteryear stars such as Vinod Khanna, Dharmendra, Mithun Chakraborty, Anil Kapoor among others.

He started his career in Bollywood with Jeetendra- Sridevi starrer "Jaal" as a villain.

#### P K Kaw

Internationally recognised plasma physicist and pioneer of thermo-nuclear fusion in India, Prof P K Kaw died. He was 69.

Predhiman Krishan Kaw was the founder director of the Institute of Plasma Research (IPR), Gandhinagar.

The veteran scientist was honoured with Padma Shri in 1985 for his contribution in the field of producing energy through thermonuclear fusion.

#### K R Mohanan

Noted filmmaker KR Mohanan died in Thiruvananthapuram. He was 69.

His prominent films include "Ashwathama" (1978), "Purushartham" (1987) and "Swaroopam" (1992). He was also an accomplished documentary filmmaker.

He also headed the Kerala State Chalachithra Academy.

#### Desh Bandhu Gupta

Desh Bandhu Gupta, the self-made billionaire and founder chairman of Lupin died. He was 79.

In 50 years Lupin has become India's 2nd pharma company by global sales

As on March 31st 2017, Lupin is the 4th largest generics pharma company by market capitalisation and 6th by sales (as on Dec 31st 2016).

#### O N Dhar

O N Dhar, a former bureaucrat who served as an aide to Sheikh Abdullah and other former Prime ministers of



Jammu and Kashmir, passed away. He was 91. O N Dhar had worked with Sheikh Abdullah, Bakshi Ghulam Mohammed and Mir Sadiq when they were Prime ministers of Jammu and Kashmir till 1965.

Till 1967, the elected head of government in Jammu and Kashmir was called prime minister before the nomenclature was changed to chief minister.



#### Sabita Chowdhury

Popular singer Sabita Chowdhury died. She was 72. She was the wife of music legend Salil Chowdhury.



Chowdhury, who had been actively involved with the Salil Chowdhury Foundation to preserve his songs, had rendered many popular songs in Bengali and Hindi.

#### Ravinder Randev

Veteran journalist Ravinder Randev passed away. He was 82.



After serving in the Himachal Pradesh Education department for more than a decade, Randev joined the Vir Pratap daily newspaper as a staff reporter in 1972.

#### Nirupam Sen

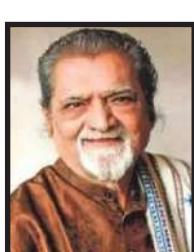
Nirupam Sen, India's former Permanent Representative to the UN, passed away. He was 70. Succeeding Vijay K. Nambiar, Sen served as India's Permanent Representative from September 2004 to March 2009.



After retirement, Sen was appointed Special Senior Advisor to the UN General Assembly President. He also served as India's Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Bulgaria and Norway.

#### Madhukar Toradmal

Veteran Marathi playwright, actor, director, translator Madhukar Toradmal died. He was 85.



His famous Marathi play was tarun Turk mhatare ark, which performed 5,000 shows. He also acted as rustic, rural politician in famous Marathi movie Simhasan.

India's Mars Orbiter, Mangalyaan completes 1000 days in orbit

### Naresh Chandra

Former Indian Ambassador to the US Naresh Chandra died. He was 82.

Chandra had served as the Cabinet Secretary from 1990-92 and was the Indian Ambassador to the US from 1996 to 2001.

He was awarded India's second highest civil awards, the Padma Vibhushan, in 2007.



### Sumita Sanyal

Veteran actress Sumita Sanyal passed away. She was 71.

Sanyal was best known for her role in super hit Bollywood flick "Anand" starring Amitabh Bachchan and Rajesh Khanna.

She was also part of Hindi movies like "Guddi", "Aashirwad" and "Mere Apne".

She acted in over 30 Bengali films, including the Dilip Kumar starrer "Sagina Mahato" in 1971.

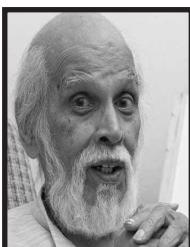


### Mangesh Tendulkar

Renowned cartoonist Mangesh Tendulkar died. He was 83.

Tendulkar displayed various aspects of daily life through his cartoons. He was socially active for the last several years and he had created awareness on traffic issues through his cartoons. Some of his cartoons were also used by the traffic department.

He often used to stand on traffic signals and share pamphlets in which he used to give passengers a message for following traffic rules. Tendulkar wrote several books including 'Bhuichakra', 'Sunday Mood' and 'Kuni Papanto Ajun Kalokh'.



### Liu Xiaobo

China's Nobel Peace Prize winner, Liu Xiaobo died. He was 61.

Liu was arrested in 2008 after co-writing Charter 08, a bold petition that called for the protection of basic human rights and reform of China's political system.



He was sentenced to 11 years in prison in December 2009 for "subversion". At the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo in 2010 he was represented by an empty chair.

Liu is also known for his role in the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests in Beijing.

### Nar Bahadur Bhandari

Nar Bahadur Bhandari, an obscure school teacher, who rose to become one of the longest-serving chief ministers of Sikkim, died. He was 77.



Bhandari was a three-term former chief minister.

He became the chief minister of the tiny Himalayan state for the first time in 1979 on a Janata Parishad ticket and then again in 1984 and 1989 on a Sikkim Sangram Parishad ticket. The founder of the SSP, Bhandari remained its president till his death.

He was also a former president of Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee.

### Maryam Mirzakhani

Maryam Mirzakhani of Iran, the first woman recipient of the Fields Medal for mathematics, died. She was 40.



Created in 1936, the Fields Medal, popularly known as the "Nobel Prize for Mathematics", is awarded every four years to a maximum of four mathematicians under the age of 40.

In 2014, Mirzakhani became both the first woman and the first Iranian to receive the honour, in recognition of "her outstanding contributions" in the area of complex geometry.



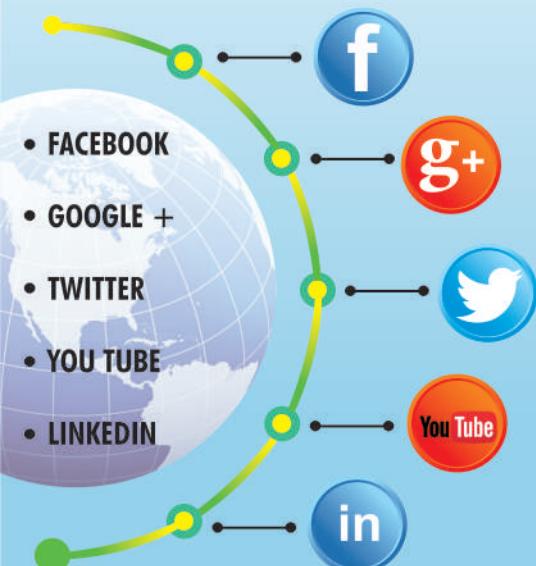
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### NATIONAL

Burning Topics of the Month

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2. **Cabinet OKs MoU between India, Portugal on governance reforms**
3. **Thiruvananthapuram tops list of 30 new smart cities.**

**Mobile App “Celebrating Yoga” Launched, 21 June 2017**



**M**inister for Science & Technology Dr. Harshvardhan has launched a Mobile App “Celebrating Yoga”.

The Mobile App has been developed by Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology on the occasion of International Yoga Day 2017.

The aim of the app is to popularize Yoga and encourage people to practice yoga for a scientifically healthy living. In 2015, the Department of Science & Technology (DST) had also launched a research programme “Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation (SATYAM)” under its Cognitive Science Research Initiative (CSRI).

**ADB to provide \$275 mn loan for water supply project in MP, 21 June 2017**

**A**sian Development Bank will provide USD 275 million loan for a piped water supply project for rapidly urbanising small towns, covering 3 lakh households, in Madhya Pradesh.



Asian Development Bank

The state government will provide a USD 124 million counterpart support for the project which is estimated to be completed by June 2022.

**Prime Minister Dedicates POWERGRID's 400 kV Lucknow – Kanpur D/C Transmission Line with Associated Bays to the Nation, 21 June 2017**



**T**he Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated POWERGRID's 400 Kilo Volt (kV) Lucknow – Kanpur Direct Current (D/C) Transmission Line with associated bays to the Nation in Lucknow.

Constructed as a part of “Northern Region Strengthening Scheme-XXXII”, this transmission line will provide high quality transmission infrastructure for ensuring reliable and quality power supply in Uttar Pradesh especially in the areas like Lucknow, Panki, Unnao and Kanpur. The transmission line will also facilitate import of additional power to Uttar Pradesh from power surplus Eastern Region/ North Eastern Region.

**Nearly three lakh perform yoga at one place, set world record, 21 June 2017**

**N**early three lakh people, led by Ramdev, turned up at GMDC ground here on the International Yoga Day to perform asanas, which the yoga guru claimed is a world record.



The third edition of the International Yoga Day was held under the guidance of Ramdev, who made the participants stretch their muscles in various yogic postures amid the early morning drizzle at the ground.

**India's First Indigenously Built Floating Dock Goes on Stream, 21 June 2017**

**T**he country's first indigenously built floating dock FDN-2 for the Indian Navy, was formally launched at the L&T



**Ashok Jain became the Chief Secretary of Rajasthan**

Shipbuilding Yard at Kattupalli near Chennai. The floating dock, awarded to Larsen and Toubro by the Ministry of Defence in May 2015, was to design and build at an order value of Rs. 468 crore.

The floating dock was launched by Anjali Deshpande, the wife of Vice Admiral D M Deshpande, Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition at a function.

The Floating Dock is an indigenously built designed and built platform with state-of-the-art machinery and control systems capable of docking ships of upto 8,000 tonne displacement.

### Cabinet OKs MoU between India, Portugal on governance reforms, 23 June 2017

The Union Cabinet approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Portugal on cooperation in the field of public administration and governance reforms.

The MoU will help in understanding the system of customer oriented public service delivery in Portugal with reference to rapidly changing environments in the area of public service management and processes in the Indian public service delivery system, leading to improved delivery in the country.



### India, Sri Lanka to ink pact for cooperation in traditional systems, 23 June 2017

The Union cabinet approved signing of an agreement between India and Sri Lanka for cooperation in areas of traditional systems of medicine and homoeopathy.



The signing of the proposed MoU will enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the areas of traditional medicine and homoeopathy. This will be of immense importance to both countries considering their shared cultural heritage.

### Cabinet approves amendment to India-Netherlands SSA, 23 June 2017

The Cabinet approved amendment of the bilateral Social Security Agreement (SSA) between India and the Netherlands by incorporating the "Country of Residence" principle into it.

The decision comes ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the Netherlands.

The SSA has been in force since June 2010 and has benefited Indian expatriates who have been working in the Netherlands.

However, beginning January 1, 2013, the Netherlands introduced new rules on extending of social security benefits to the people from countries outside the European Union.

After the adoption of the new social security legislation, the Netherlands requested that India agree to revise the bilateral SSA since such a revision would be necessary as per their national law.

### Cabinet approves MoU on cooperation in the textiles, clothing and fashion sectors between India and Australia, 23 June 2017

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the textiles, clothing and fashion sectors between the Ministry of Textiles and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia.



The weavers including ancillary workers will be benefited from activities to be taken under MOU.

For overall development of handloom sector, the initiative aims to increase the handloom fabric production by way of establishing market linkages, to encourage innovation in designs and techniques for improvement in design capability, diversification of product lines and value addition, better access to domestic and export markets so that weavers are able to get continuous employment and improve their living standards.

### Government launches index to rank 116 cities on quality of life, 24 June 2017

The Centre launched a liveability index which will rank the country's 116 major cities on the basis of the quality of life they offer.



Launching the first City Liveability Index, Urban Development Minister M Venkaiah Naidu said, it will cover cities with population above one million, including the capital cities.

India to get C-17 Globemaster cargo ship from US

The first-of-its-kind index will enable the cities know where they stand in terms of the quality of life and the interventions required to improve it.

The cities will be assessed on a comprehensive set of 79 parameters, including availability of roads, education, healthcare, mobility, employment opportunities, emergency response, grievance redressal, pollution, availability of open and green spaces, cultural and entertainment opportunities.

The ranking will be released in 2018.

Meanwhile, Naidu disbursed Rs 500 crore as incentive to 16 states that performed well in implementing urban reforms during 2016-17.

Andhra Pradesh topped the list with the highest score in implementing urban schemes, followed by Odisha, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

He also announced 30 new cities to be developed as smart cities, taking the total pick to 90 under the Centres Smart City Mission since its launch in June 2015.

### Thiruvananthapuram tops list of 30 new smart cities, 24 June 2017

Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala, Naya Raipur in Chhattisgarh and Rajkot in Gujarat figured in the new list of 30 cities announced for development under the Centres Smart City Mission.



The latest announcement takes to 90 the number of cities selected for part financing of projects by the Centre under the scheme.

Four cities in Tamil Nadu Tiruppur, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Tiruchirappalli, and three in Uttar Pradesh Jhansi, Allahabad and Aligarh also made it to the list.

An investment of Rs 57,393 crore has been proposed for development of these 30 cities. Of the planned expenditure, Rs 46,879 crore will be for core infrastructure and Rs 10,514 crore for technology-based solutions.

### NSE, AP govt sign MoU to fuel growth of MSMEs, 28 June 2017

Top stock exchange NSE inked a pact with Andhra Pradesh government to help micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the state to raise capital through listing



on the bourses platform. As per the memorandum of understanding (MoU), the AP government would facilitate MSMEs to get listed on NSE Emerge, the platform for small and medium enterprises, by supporting such firms financially or otherwise, in bearing the expenses related to listing.

A fund is also being created by the Andhra Pradesh government to encourage investors to invest in the fast growing SMEs in the state, on the exchange platform.

The MoU was signed between AP governments industries, commerce & export promotion Commissioner Siddhartha Jain and NSEs Chief Business Development Officer Ravi Varanasi, at Vijaywada in AP.

### Indo-Thai joint military exercise from July 3 in Himachal, 29 June 2017

The armies of India and Thailand will begin the yearly joint training exercise 'Maitree 2017' from July 3 to July 17 at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.



Approximately 50 troops from Royal Thailand Army and an equal number of Indian soldiers from the Northern Command will participate in the exercise.

As part of the exercise the two armies will jointly plan and execute a series of drills for the neutralisation of likely threats that may be encountered in counter terrorism environment.

### PM Modi releases special postal stamp, commemorative coin to mark Shrimad Rajchandra's 150th birth anniversary, 30 June 2017



Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a special postal stamp and commemorative coin at the Sabarmati Ashram Centenary on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's spiritual guru Shrimad Rajchandra.

Rajchandra was the spiritual guru of Mahatma Gandhi.

Narendra Kumar Sinha assumes charge as Secretary in I&B Ministry

### CISF security at Delhi's IGI airport rated best in the world, 03 July 2017

**C**ISF security services at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport has been adjudged as the best security service across the country by an independent body called the World Quality Congress (WQC).



The WQC is an independent, not-for-profit organisation and it will hand over the decoration to the CISF later this week in Mumbai.

The award focuses on the contribution of individuals, organisation and technologies used at the airport.

### India ranks 23rd among 165 nations in cybersecurity index, 07 July 2017

**I**ndia is ranked a high 23rd out of 165 nations in a global index that measures the commitment of nations across the world to cybersecurity.



The second Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) is released by the UN telecommunications agency International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

India is ranked 23rd on the index with a score of 0.683 and has been listed in the "maturing" category, which refers to 77 countries that have developed complex commitments to cybersecurity and engage in cybersecurity programmes and initiatives.

The index has been topped by Singapore with a 0.925 score.

### India declares itself free from bird flu, 07 July 2017

**T**he government declared the country free from Avian Influenza, commonly called as bird flu.



The outbreak of bird flu, an infectious viral disease of birds, was reported at various epicentres in nine states and Union Territories during October 2016 and February 2017.

The surveillance has been completed in Delhi, Daman, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Gujarat, Odisha. The surveillance in the states showed no

evidence of presence of bird flu. In view of the above, India has declared itself free from Avian Influenza (H5N8 and H5N1) from 6 June, 2017 and notified the same to World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

### India to join new global foreign exchange committee, 09 July 2017

**I**ndia will soon get a seat on the Global Foreign Exchange Committee (GFXC), a newly-constituted forum of central bankers and experts working towards promotion of a robust and transparent forex market.



The committee has been set up under the guidance of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), an international financial organisation owned by 60 member central banks, representing countries from around the world.

In a progress report on reducing misconduct risks in the financial sector, the Financial Stability Board (FSB) informed the G20 Summit, attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, here that actions to enhance conduct standards and adherence in markets include a Global Code of Conduct for the Foreign Exchange Markets.

FSB is an international body for global financial system.

### Ministries of urban development, housing and urban poverty merged, 09 July 2017

**T**he government has merged the ministries of urban development, and housing and urban poverty alleviation -- involved in policy making in urban areas -- to form the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.



The two ministries, headed by Union minister Venkaiah Naidu, have a long history of mergers and de-mergers.

In 1952, they were one ministry which was known as the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply. They were demerged in 1999, merged the next year and bifurcated again in 2004.

Officials in the ministry say the merger would help ensure cohesiveness in formulating policies related to urban issues and cut the flab in bureaucracy.

#### Uber introduces food delivery service in Delhi-NCR

With this merger, the government now has 51 ministries. In 2004, the number was 42. The first government in independent India had just 17 ministries.

### Government launches 4 digital initiatives to push e-education, 09 July 2017

President Pranab Mukherjee on the occasion of Guru Purnima launched four major digital initiatives in to push e-education.

They are Swayam, Swayam Prabha, National Academic Depository and National Digital Library.

All these digital initiatives are operational under Union Ministry of Human Resource and Development.

#### Key Facts

**Swayam:** It an indigenously designed massive open online course (MOOC), It will host all the courses, taught in classrooms from 9th class till post-graduation and can be accessed by anyone, anywhere at any time. It aims to bridge the digital divide for students in e-education.

**Swayam Prabha:** It will provide high quality educational contents, developed by experts, through 32 DTH (direct to home) Television Channels with an aim to bring uniformity in standards of education.

It will cover diverse disciplines of all levels of education in various languages. It will be available to all and will be having new content of 4 hours to be telecasted 6 times a day.

**National Academic Depository:** It is a digital depository of academic awards for authenticating all certificates issued by institutions. NAD will directly integrate with Boards/ Universities which issue Certificates which will be verified, authenticated, accessed and retrieved in a digital depository for purpose of employment, higher education, and loans.

**National Digital Library:** It is a large online library containing 6.5 million books. It provides free access to many books in English and the Indian languages.

### FM launches a new tax payer service module 'Aaykar Setu', 11 July 2017

A new tax payer service module 'Aaykar Setu', was launched by the Union Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley. To enhance mobile access experience, a mobile responsive android version was also released along with the desktop version. Jaitley stressed on the Government's commitment towards continuously upgrading tax payer services. He said that this e-initiative



would help in reducing physical interface between assesses and tax assessing authorities and thereby minimizing the chances of any tax harassment.

The new step is an effort by the Income Tax Department (ITD) to directly communicate with the taxpayers, on a range of multiple informative and useful tax services aimed at providing tax information at their fingertips. The module compiles various tax tools, live chat facility, dynamic updates, and important links to various processes within the Income Tax Department in a single module. The tax payers will also be able to receive regular updates regarding important tax dates, forms and notifications on mobile numbers registered with the ITD.

All taxpayers who wish to receive such SMS alerts are advised to register their mobile numbers in the Aaykar Setu module.

### India to host 8th Theatre Olympics next year, 13 July 2017

India, for the first time, will be host to the Theatre Olympics since the events inception in 1993, the Ministry of Culture in association with National School of Drama (NSD) announced.



Running from February 17 to April 8, the eighth edition of the international event will see over 500 plays and 700 ambience performances by artists from across the globe.

Celebrating the cultural and lingual diversity of the participating countries, the theatre event is expected to host over 50 international and 150 Indian theatre groups over the span of two months.

Ratan Thiyam, chairperson of NSD Society, informed that the theme for the upcoming event will be Flag of Friendship.

### Suresh Prabhu launches RailCloud for server optimisation, 13 July 2017

In a significant IT initiative, the Railways launched 'RailCloud' - a virtual server with an inbuilt security system to optimise server usage and faster connectivity.



Cloud computing is the emerging technology for faster and on-demand commensurate deployment of server resources which result in reduced costs.

### Saudi Arabia signed an agreement with EESL

"Efforts are being made to bring the entire Railway system on integrated digital platform. RailCloud is another step towards digitisation of railways," Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu said after the launch of RailCloud.

### Cabinet approves signing of pacts with Palestine, Germany, 13 July 2017

The Centre approved the signing of a pact between India and Palestine for cooperation in the field of health and medicine.

Several pacts and proposals were approved ex-post facto at a meeting of the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, including a Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) signed between India and Germany on cooperation in the field of health.

The cabinet approved to enhance the age of superannuation of general duty medical officers of the Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles from 60 to 65 years.

It also gave an ex-post facto approval to enhance the age of superannuation of specialist medical officers of the Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles of the Ministry of Home Affairs from 60 to 65 years.

Under the pact, the two countries will cooperate with each other in capacity building of the health staff, prevention and control of communicable diseases, physiotherapy and rehabilitation, drugs, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment among others.

### Book on Modi Marching with a Billion released, 14 July 2017

The Governor of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu CH Vidyasagar Rao and Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis released the book 'Marching with a Billion', analysing Narendra Modi's Government At Midterm.

The release event took place at the Raj Bhavan in south Mumbai on 13th July 2017.

The book, authored by senior journalist Uday Mahurkar, analyses the performance of the Modi government's three years in office.



### Raipur Airport ranks first in customer satisfaction: survey, 15 July 2017



Raipur's Swami Vivekananda Airport has been ranked first in customer satisfaction in a survey carried out by the AAI across 49 airports in the country.

The airport in the Chhattisgarh capital was followed by those at Udaipur, Amritsar and Dehradun, according to a statement issued by Airports Authority of India (AAI).

The survey, which was carried out by an independent agency appointed by AAI, covers a wide range of parameters like transportation, parking, passenger facilities and cleanliness, among others.

The integrated terminal building of Raipur, built at a cost of approximately Rs 150 crore, was inaugurated in 2012 by President Pranab Mukherjee.

### Indian Railways launches first solar-powered diesel electrical multiple unit train, 15 July 2017

Indian Railways launched first solar-powered DEMU (diesel electrical multiple unit) train from the Safdarjung railway station in Delhi. The train will run from Sarai Rohilla in Delhi to Farukh Nagar in Haryana. A total of 16 solar panels, each producing 300 Wp, are fitted in six coaches.



The cost of these solar panels, manufactured under 'Make in India' initiative, is Rs 54 lakh. This is the first time in the world that solar panels are being used as grid in railways.

The train has a power back-up and can run on battery for at least 72 hours.

In last year's railway budget, Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu had announced that railways would generate 1,000 MW of solar energy in the next five years. Solar-powered DEMU trains are part of this plan. "Indian Railways is committed to promote clean and renewable energy," Prabhu said during the launch of the train.

NALSA has launched Web Application for Legal Services to Prisoners

### Railways launches mobile app, 15 July 2017

Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu launched an integrated mobile application 'Rail Saarthi' to cater to various passenger requirements, including ticket booking, inquiry, on-board cleaning and ordering meal on a single platform.



Currently there are multiple mobile app by the Railways. To use different services, users need to search and download each application separately.

In order to provide better customer experience, there was a need for an integrated application which could give a single window interface for these services.

The Rail SAARTHI (synergised advanced application rail travel help and information) such as safety for women, complaint facility and suggestion for improvement, he said.

One can also book air ticket through the app and give feedback. Prabhu also announced a quota facility for differently-abled people in 3AC coach and extending the advance booking period for foreigners to 365 days from present 120 days.

Now a lower berth in a 3AC coach will be reserved for physically-challenged people and the middle for the individual accompanying them. However, there will be only one such berth in the 3AC coach of a train.

### Venkaiah Naidu resigns: Smriti Irani gets I&B, Narendra Tomar Urban Ministry, 18 July 2017

With Union Minister Venkaiah Naidu resigning from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Cabinet, Smriti Irani was given additional charge of the Information & Broadcast Ministry and Narendra Tomar was made the Minister for Urban Development.



Tomar is currently the Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Irani is the incumbent Minister for Textiles. In a Cabinet reshuffle in 2016, both the Union Ministers lost their portfolios. Irani was replaced by Prakash Javadekar as the HRD Minister and Piyush

Goyal replaced Tomar and was given additional charge of Minister of Mines.

### Vigilance Commissioner honoured by Madras University, 18 July 2017



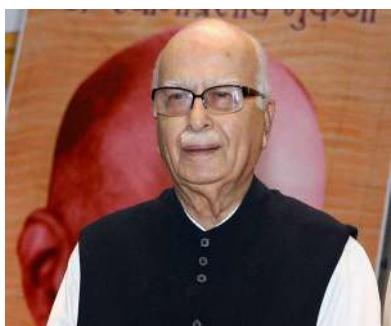
T.M. Bhasin, Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission, has received a Doctorate Degree Certificate from the University of Madras for his research work on the "Impact of Banking on Inclusive Growth".

The Doctorate Degree was conferred on him by Tamil Nadu Governor C. Vidyasagar Rao at the Annual Convocation function in the University.

At the end of the research and submission of thesis, a presentation of 25 suggestions was made to the Department of Financial Services by Bhasin in 2014 as Chairman of the Indian Banks Association. This became an integral part of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana under which 28 crore savings bank accounts have been opened by all banks across the country.

### LK Advani receives Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions in Lok Sabha, 20 July 2017

Veteran BJP leader Lal Krishna (LK) Advani received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions as a Parliamentarian in the Lok Sabha.



He received the award from Vice President Hamid Ansari at a function organised by the Lokmat Media Group to honour distinguished Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members.

The United States and Qatar signed an agreement aimed at combating the financing of terrorism

### STATE

#### Burning Topics of the Month

1. **The Arena by Trans Stadia inaugurated by PM.**
2. **Foundation stone of country's biggest Global Skill Park laid in Bhopal.**
3. **UP to get Rs 1,950 crore ADB loan from improving roads.**

#### Haryana village dedicated to US president Donald Trump, 24 June 2017

**A**head of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's trip to the US, a village in Mewat region of Haryana has been dedicated to President Donald Trump.



Now onwards, the village will be known as Trump Sulabh Village. In a symbolic gesture to promote the Indo-US relations, Sulabh founder Bindeshwar Pathak formally launched various projects for the all-round development of Marora panchayat under Mewat region in Haryana.

#### UP to get Rs 1,950 crore ADB loan from improving roads, 28 June 2017

**T**he Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed an agreement with the Uttar Pradesh government for a road improvement project in the state. The pact was inked in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and ADB president Takehiko Nakao.

As per the agreement, 70 per cent finances amounting to Rs 1,950 crore will be provided by the ADB as loan, while the state government will bear 30 per cent cost of the project which comes to Rs 832 crore.

The project, which will start from 2017 and end in 2024, will cover over 430 km roads in 12 districts.

#### The Arena by Trans Stadia inaugurated by PM, 01 July 2017

**I**n the presence of some of India's finest athletes, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'The Arena', one of the most advanced integrated multi-purpose stadiums in



Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The Arena, one of the most advanced integrated multi-purpose stadiums. It is a public-private partnership between the government of Gujarat and TransStadia.

#### Foundation stone of country's biggest Global Skill Park laid in Bhopal, 03 July 2017

**U**nion Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajeev Pratap Rudy and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan laid the foundation stone of the country's biggest Global Skill Park in Bhopal.



37 acre land has been allotted in Narela Shankari area of Bhopal for the Global Skill Park. The park will be constructed at a cost of 645 crore rupees.

#### Badal lays foundation stone of maize-based food park in Punjab, 08 July 2017

**F**ood Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal laid the foundation stone of a Rs 123.7 crore mega food park with focus on maize processing in Kapurthala district, Punjab. Earlier, the permission to set up a mega food park was denied because the district was declared a dark zone because of slow desertification and over-exploitation of water due to cash crops.



Special efforts been made to get the necessary approval from the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. The park is being developed by Sukhjit Mega Food Park and Infra Limited at village Rehana Jattan. It will boost job opportunities and environment conservation.

Badal said that the project will leverage an additional investment of about Rs 250 crore in 25-30 food processing units in the park and generate turnover of Rs 450-500 crore annually. The park will provide direct and indirect employment to 5,000 persons and benefit about 25,000 farmers.

Set up in an area of 55 acres, the first maize-based park is being built with an investment of Rs 123.7 crore with a grant of Rs 50 crore by Union Food Processing Industries Ministry for multipurpose cold storage of 3,000 metric tonnes, Individually Quick Frozen (IQF) and Deep Freezer 1 metric tonne/hour capacity, sorting and grading yard of 2,000 sqm and Food Testing Lab.

Central Government inaugurated Swastha Sarthi campaign

Besides, the promoter is also setting up an Anchor Unit with an investment of Rs 105 crore for maize processing with an installed grinding capacity of 500 tonnes a day.

## Health min, WB signs MoU to set up transfusion medicine centre, 11 July 2017

To strengthen the blood transfusion services in West Bengal and the surrounding areas, the Union health ministry joined hands with the state government for setting up a centre for transfusion medicine at Kolkata.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry and the state government, under which Rs 200 crore would be allocated by the Centre for equipment, manpower and running costs while state will provide land free of cost, an official statement said.

## Mehbooba inaugurates several key projects in Jammu, 11 July 2017



Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti inaugurated several key development projects including an Entrepreneurship Development Institute and upgraded a traffic system.

The Jammu campus of EDI will be constructed at the Bari Brahma Industrial Estate (BBIE). To be built over a cost of Rs 82.89 crore, the campus would be completed in four years and have facilities like incubation centres, hostels and libraries for budding entrepreneurs.

She also inaugurated the Intelligent Traffic System for Jammu city which would regulate and sensitise traffic movement in the winter capital through an automated system, giving much relief from frequent congestions to the commuters. The chief minister inaugurated the upgraded SIDCO (State Industrial Development Corporation) complex, being developed at a cost of Rs 35.90 crore.

It includes improved road connectivity within the industrial estate, street lighting, upgraded facilities for unit holders and visitors and other facilities.

Vivo got IPL sponsorship for five years

## President inaugurates Satya Bharti School in Bengal, 15 July 2017



President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the Satya Bharti School that aims to provide quality education to students with main focus on girls belonging to weaker sections of society.

Speaking on the occasion, the president appreciated the Satya Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, for establishing schools in rural areas to cater to educational needs of local children. Mukherjee said children eagerly want to get admission in these schools to receive quality education. There are Satya Bharti schools across the country.

The Satya Bharti School Programme was started in 2009 in nine villages of Murshidabad district. Over the past eight years, the schools have been providing quality education to more than 1,900 students in the state, 57 per cent of them being girls. On the occasion, the president also launched a special compendium capturing the dreams and aspirations of an ideal schooling experience as expressed by the students under various education programmes being run by the foundation across the country.

## Patnaik dedicates to nation Odisha's longest bridge, 19 July 2017

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik dedicated to the nation the state's longest bridge and named it after Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.



The 2.88 km bridge over the river Kathajodi will connect the state capital of Bhubaneswar with Cuttack reducing the distance between the two cities by 12 km.

Patnaik said he was delighted to name the state's longest bridge after Netaji who was born and brought up in Cuttack.

### INTERNATIONAL Burning Topics of the Month

1. **Malaysia to host conferences on Ayurveda and Siddha medicines.**
2. **China's fastest bullet train makes its debut run.**
3. **India, Israel launch 5-yr tech fund to further biz ties.**

#### Afghan president inaugurates first air corridor with India, 21 June 2017

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani inaugurated the first Afghanistan-India air corridor during a ceremony at the Kabul International Airport - a direct route that bypasses Pakistan and is meant to improve commerce.



The aim of the route is to create more opportunities and make Afghanistan an exporter country.

#### India and Portugal Sign a Historical agreement to promote Cooperation in The Field of Archives, 21 June 2017

Protocol of Cooperation was signed between the National Archives of India and the Minister of Culture of the Portuguese Republic in the field of archives in Lisbon, Portugal. As a first step under this agreement, the Torre do Tombo (National Archives of Portugal) handed over to the National Archives of India digital copies of 62 volumes of the collection known as 'Moncoes do Reino' (Monsoon correspondence).



#### China unveils World's first train that runs on Virtual Tracks, 22 June 2017

China has unveiled the world's first 'railless train' that runs on a virtual track making use of a sensor technology instead of metal rails.



This Autonomous Rail Rapid Transit (ART) has been developed by China's CRRC Zhuzhou Institute. It is a part of China's attempts to develop an 'intelligent rail express system'. The company also makes key parts for high-speed railways.

#### Special features

- The 30-metre long train at present has three carriages and can carry around 300 passengers.
- It has rubber wheels, which can be automatically guided without rails.
- The train is also non-polluting and environment friendly, as it is battery powered.
- While it can travel a distance of 25 km by just charging for 10 minutes, on a full charge, it can travel for distances up to 40 km.
- It is capable of moving at a maximum speed of 70 km/hr.
- It will be launched out for public use in 2018 in the Chinese city of Zhuzhou to help deal with the traffic in the area.

#### Malaysia to host conferences on Ayurveda and Siddha medicines, 22 June 2017

A conference on alternate medicines, herbals and green plants, and Siddha medicines which originates from South India will be held in Malaysia next month.



The Tradalth Convention will take place from August 18-20 and its main focus will be on Ayurveda and Siddha medicines and therapists.

The foundation aims to establish a training programme in Malaysia through a tie-up with SVYASA Yoga University of Bangalore.

#### KSIDC signs Letter of Intent with Cornell University, 24 June 2017

The Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), nodal investment promotion agency of the Government of Kerala, has inked a Letter of Intent (LoI) with US-based Cornell University, for channelling expertise for Life Sciences-based projects in the state.



The letter was inked on June 20, the opening day of Bio 2017, the largest annual global event for the biotechnology industry at San Diego.

KSIDC is representing Government of Kerala in the three-day long event.

Central Cabinet gave in-principle approval to disinvestment in Air India

### America approves sale of 'Guardian drones' to India, 27 June 2017

The US has cleared the sale of predator Guardian drones to India, as President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged to deepen their defence and security cooperation.



The US and India look forward to working together on advanced defence equipment and technology at a level commensurate with that of America's closest allies and partners.

Resolving to expand their maritime security cooperation, they announced their intention to build on the implementation of their "White Shipping" data sharing arrangement, which enhances collaboration on the maritime domain awareness.

Trump welcomed Modi's strong support for the US to join as an Observer in the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium.

Noting the importance of the upcoming MALABAR naval exercise (involving the US, Japan and India), the leaders determined to expand their engagements on shared maritime objectives and to explore new exercises.

### China's fastest bullet train makes its debut run, 27 June 2017

China launched its first self-developed 'next-generation' bullet train 'Fuxing' with a maximum speed of 400kmh.



The train was launched on one of the country's busiest lines -Beijing-Shanghai line. With the launch, Beijing aims to capture global high-speed rail market.

#### Main Highlights

- ❖ The first run happened simultaneously from two stations-Beijing and Shanghai.
- ❖ The model train on the way to Shanghai took about five hours and 45 minutes to reach its destination.
- ❖ Also, China has the world's longest railway network with 22,000 kilometres by the end of last year, about 60 percent of the world's total.

### India to assist Ethiopia in setting up 10 new sugar factories, 28 June 2017



### National Sugar Institute

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The National Sugar Institute (NSI) has entered into an agreement with Ethiopia for setting up 10 new sugar factories, besides a sugar institute, in the East African state.

The NSI will assist Ethiopian Sugar Corporation (ESC) in setting up 10 new sugar factories and raise the existing sugar production there.

At present, there are only seven sugar factories in Ethiopia which produce about 3.60 lakh tonne of sugar annually.

After the new factories come up, the total sugar production in Ethiopia will shoot up to 46 lakh tonnes a year.

The NSI will also provide academic and technical assistance to ESC in setting up a hi-tech sugar institute, he said.

### China commissions biggest new generation naval destroyer, 28 June 2017

China's Navy launched its biggest new generation destroyer weighing 10,000 tonnes as part of a massive expansion to become a global naval power.



The vessel is the first of China's new generation of destroyers. It is equipped with new air defence, anti-missile, anti-ship and anti-submarine weapons.

The biggest naval destroyer was an addition to two aircraft carriers which China is in the process of deploying to compete with other naval powers like the US and India, especially in the India Ocean.

### Trump picks Indiana health commissioner for Surgeon General, 30 June 2017

President Donald Trump has nominated Indiana's health commissioner Jerome Adams to serve as the next US surgeon general.



Adams was appointed by Pence, then Indiana's governor, to serve as the state's health commissioner in 2014 and was reappointed earlier this year by Governor Eric Holcomb.

Rajiv Kumar appointed as Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh

If confirmed, Adams would succeed Dr Vivek Murthy, a holdover from the Obama administration who resigned in April after helping during the transition between the two administrations. Adams would also serve as medical director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service.

The appointment is for five years.

### Trump nominates former Texas senator as NATO ambassador, 30 June 2017

President Donald Trump has nominated Kay Bailey Hutchison, a former Republican senator from Texas, to be the US ambassador to NATO.



Hutchison, who is 73, won a runoff special election to fill a vacant Senate seat in 1993 and served three full terms.

### India contributes USD 500,000 to UN Peacebuilding Fund, 01 July 2017

India has contributed USD 500,000 to the UN Peacebuilding Fund, expressing hope that more funding by nations will boost efforts by the world body to build and sustain peace.



India has been a member of the Peacebuilding Commission since its inception in December 2005 and has so far contributed USD 5 million to the Peacebuilding Fund. The fresh contribution of USD 500,000 to the fund will be effected over the coming days.

The fund was launched to support activities, actions, programmes and organisations that seek to build a lasting peace in countries emerging from conflict.

### Indian-American student wins top original orator contest in US, 05 July 2017

An Indian-American student in the US has won this year's National Speech and Debate Tournament, considered to be the most prestigious high school competition in the country.



J J Kapur, a Sikh, composed his own persuasive speech titled Lets Dance addressing a social issue.

### Trilateral Malabar exercise to kick off on July 10, 06 July 2017

The Malabar naval exercise involving Indian, American and Japanese navies will kick start on July 10 in the Bay of Bengal, amid China's growing military assertiveness in the disputed South China Sea.

A sizeable number of aircraft, naval ships and nuclear submarines of the navies of the three countries will be part of the annual exercise, considered a major war game in the region.

The exercise is taking place in the backdrop of a major military standoff between armies of India and China in the Sikkim section and Beijing ramping up its naval presence in the South China Sea.

The aim of the Malabar exercise is to achieve deeper military ties and greater interoperability among the three navies in the strategically-important Indo-Pacific region.

India and the US have regularly conducted the annual exercise since 1992.

Beijing has been suspicious about the purpose of Malabar exercises as it feels that the annual war game is an effort to contain its influence in the Indo-Pacific region.

### India, Israel launch 5-yr tech fund to further biz ties, 06 July 2017

India and Israel launched a five-year technology fund, reminiscent of a fund that boosted the Jewish state's ties with US over four decades, and agreed to hold talks for an investment protection treaty in a bid to boost trade and business ties.



The two nations agreed to put USD 4 million a year for five years into the Israel India Innovation Initiative Fund, or I4F, said the statement issued after Modi's talks with his Israeli counterpart, Benjamin Netanyahu.

Besides getting Israeli technology firms to invest in India, the fund aims to spur Indian firms to open development centres in the Jewish state and invest in their technology ecosystem.

Modi and Netanyahu "underlined the need to boost bilateral cooperation in innovation and entrepreneurship and called for greater collaboration in the field of start-ups," it said.

The Israel-US Binational Industrial Research and Development Fund, the model for I4F, has invested in almost 1,000 projects since 1977, helping generate USD 10 billion in indirect and direct revenue.

PM Modi inaugurated filling of Aji Dam at Rajkot by Narmada water

### India, Israel ink 7 agreements, 06 July 2017

India and Israel signed seven agreements to increase cooperation in key sectors like space, agriculture and water conservation after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held in-depth talks with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu.



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed for setting up of USD 40 million worth India-Israel Industrial Research and Development (R&D) and Technical Innovation Fund. In the water sector, two agreements were signed to increase cooperation on water conservation and state water utility reform in India.

In the agriculture sector, the two countries have agreed for India-Israel Development Cooperation - a three-year work programme in agriculture from 2018 to 2020.

They also agreed for cooperation regarding cooperation in atomic clocks. Besides, separate MoUs were signed on cooperation in GEO-LEO optical link and cooperation in Electric Propulsion for small satellites.

### India slips to be 4th largest investor into UK, 07 July 2017

India has slipped by one spot to become the fourth-largest foreign investor into the UK.

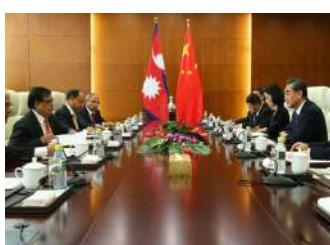


The US remains on the top, investing in 577 projects in the UK, with China (including Hong Kong) remaining in second place with 160 projects. India set up 127 new projects in Britain last year and safeguarded 7,645 existing jobs as a result and created 3,999 new jobs in 2016-17.

However, it lost its position as the third largest investor in the UK to France which set up 131 projects last year.

### Nepal, China ink border security deal, 08 July 2017

Nepal and China have signed an agreement to set up a border law enforcement centre to manage and curb border related crimes while respecting each other's sovereignty.



The agreement to establish the Nepal-China Border Law Enforcement Cooperation (Keyrung) Joint Action Centre was signed by Chief District Officer of Rasuwa Chomendra Neupane and Local Security Officer of Zilong County of China Colonel Gao Huihai.

The aim of establishing the centre is to cooperate each other on the border security management and to curb border related crimes, while respecting each other's sovereignty. Keyrung is a border town in China close to the Nepalese city of Rasuwa.

### US, Qatar sign agreement on combating terrorism financing, 12 July 2017

The United States and Qatar signed an agreement aimed at combating the financing of terrorism, as US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson visited Doha to try to end a month-long rift between Western-allied Arab states.

Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt imposed sanctions on Qatar last month, accusing it of financing extremist groups and allying with the Gulf Arab states' arch-foe Iran, allegations Doha denies.

### US conducts successful missile intercept system amid N Korea test launch, 12 July 2017



The US military has conducted a successful test of a missile intercept system, as tensions soar following North Korea's test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile that could potentially reach Alaska.

The test of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system saw a ballistic missile target air-launched from an Air Force C-17 over the Pacific Ocean north of Hawaii.

"A THAAD weapon system located at (Pacific Spaceport Complex Alaska) in Kodiak, Alaska, detected, tracked and intercepted the target," the US Missile Defense Agency said in a statement.

THAAD is designed to intercept and destroy short-, medium- and intermediate-range ballistic missiles during their final phase of flight.

Vijay Keshav Gokhale appointed economic relations secretary in MEA

### Trump Formally Nominates Huntsman as U.S. Ambassador to Russia, 19 July 2017

American President Donald Trump nominated experienced diplomat and former Utah governor Jon Huntsman Jr. as country's new ambassador to Russia.

America's top think-tank Atlantic Council chief Huntsman has previously been the US Ambassador to China and Singapore.

Huntsman has been Deputy Representative of the US Department of Commerce for trade, deputy assistant minister of Eastern Asia and Pacific affairs, and has been the Deputy Labour Assistant for Business Development.

### Indians win gold and bronze at first global robotics Olympiad, 19 July 2017

A group of seven Indian students has bagged two awards at the first global robotics Olympiad in the US where 157 countries participated.



The students, who hail from Mumbai, won gold for Zhang Heng Engineering Design Award and bronze for Global Challenge Match at the international robotics challenge organised by FIRST Global in Washington.

The Indian team was led by 15-year-old Rahesh, the youngest member of the group. Others were Adiv Shah, team spokesperson; Harsh Bhatt, alliance strategist; Vatsin, alliance analyst; Adhyan, robot tactician; Tejas, robot controller and Raghav, robot driver.

Mexico City would host the competition next year.

The Afghan team won the Rajaa Cherkaoui El Moursli award for courageous achievement.

### India & Sri Lanka sign MoU to develop village in Anuradhapura District, 19 July 2017

India and Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop a village in Anuradhapura District (in Sri Lanka) at a cost of 30 crores Sri Lankan rupees.



Adi Godrej, Andrew Liveris awarded with the USIBC Global Leadership Awards

The village in the name of a famous Buddhist monk Sobitha Thero envisages construction of 153 new houses, a multi-purpose community building, internal water supply system and renovation of monk's quarters & library.

The project is in line with Government of Sri Lanka's policy of rehabilitation of rural villages for economic development. It will benefit 153 families residing in the village.

### Trump Nominates Raytheon Lobbyist for Army Secretary, 20 July 2017

U.S. President Donald Trump has nominated Raytheon lobbyist Mark Esper as secretary of the Army.



Esper is the third person nominated to be the Army's top civilian leader and, if confirmed, would become the latest high-ranking addition to the Pentagon with a background as a major defense contractor. The first two nominees dropped out — one over financial vetting issues and the other amid a backlash over controversial comments on LGBT issues.

### IIT-K signs MoU with Buffalo University for research projects, 20 July 2017

The Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur has signed an MoU with Buffalo University in the US to promote joint research in cyber security and environment related issues.



The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Buffalo University president Satish Tripathi and IIT Kanpur (IIT-K) director Indranil Manna. It is the first ever academic agreement between the two institutes.

The two institutes will focus on cyber security and environment-related research projects of global interest and students will also have the option to research in other fields.

### ECONOMY

#### Burning Topics of the Month

1. Reliance Defence to partner with France's Daher for aerospace components.
2. EPF members to get housing subsidy of Rs 2.67L via HUDCO tie-up.
3. Tata Motors develops first bio-methane bus.

#### Thales and Reliance Defence Ltd seal deal for JV, 21 June 2017

French defence firm Thales and Reliance Defence Limited sealed a deal for setting up a joint venture (JV) with a shareholding of 49 per cent and 51 per cent respectively.



The JV is being set up to develop Indian capabilities to integrate and maintain radars and manufacture high performance airborne electronics, leveraging Thales offset commitment as part of the deal for the supply of 36 Rafale fighter aircraft to Indian Air Force.

Thales is a leading supplier of radars, electronic warfare solutions and software to Dassault Aviation that manufactures Rafale jets.

The JV would develop skills and activity in the Special Economic Zone of Mihan-Nagpur together with an Indian supply chain for the manufacturing of microwave technologies and high performance airborne electronics.

India in September last year had inked a Euro 7.87 billion (approx Rs 59,000 crore) deal with France for the purchase of 36 Rafale fighter jets capable of carrying nuclear weapons and equipped with latest missiles.

#### World Bank sanctions 44 million dollars for ASPIRe, 22 June 2017

World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a loan assistance of 44 million dollars for the Assam State Public Finance Institutional Reforms (ASPIRe) Project.



The loan was sanctioned by World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) in its meeting held on June 15 at Washington DC, USA.

The project aims at improving predictability and transparency in budget execution and efficiency in tax administration in Assam.

#### NCAER pegs FY18 GDP growth at 7.6 pc on normal monsoon, 22 June 2017

Economic think-tank NCAER has revised up its projection for the country's economic growth to 7.6 per cent for the current fiscal, compared with the earlier prediction of 7.3 per cent on forecast of normal monsoon.



The agency has also revised upward its forecast of GVA (Gross Value Added at Basic Prices) growth at 7.3 per cent for 2017-18 from its February estimate of 7 per cent.

The economy grew 7.1 per cent in 2016-17, lower than 7.6 per cent against 8 per cent a year ago.

The World Bank has forecast growth to be 7.2 per cent during 2017-18.

#### Reliance Defence to partner with France's Daher for aerospace components, 23 June 2017

Reliance Defence Limited said it has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Daher Aerospace, France for manufacture of aerospace components.



According to the fully-owned subsidiary of Reliance Infrastructure, the MoU was signed at the Paris Air Show.

Daher Aerospace is tier-one manufacturer in aero structures segment comprising fuselage sections and fairings made of composites as well as conventional metals for Dassault Aviation and other leading global aircraft manufacturers.

#### India signs loan agreement with World Bank and AIIB for electrification projects in Andhra Pradesh, 23 June 2017

Project cost is US\$ 570 million of which US\$ 240 million is from World Bank and US\$ 160 million from AIIB.

A Loan Agreement for part funding of US\$ 240 million from the World Bank (IBRD) and US\$ 160 Million from AIIB (60:40 ratio) for 24X7 Power for All in Andhra Pradesh Project was signed.

India's first blood bank for Cattle to come up in Odisha

Total Cost of the project is US\$ 570 million, out of which US\$ 240 million is from World Bank (IBRD) and US\$ 160 million from AIIB. The rest will be counterpart funding from GoAP.

The objective of the project is to increase the delivery of electricity to customers and to improve the operational efficiency and system reliability in distribution of electricity in selected areas in Andhra Pradesh.

### EPF members to get housing subsidy of Rs 2.67L via HUDCO tie-up, 23 June 2017

**R**etirement fund body EPFO joined hands with Housing and Urban Development Corp (HUDCO) to enable its members avail credit-linked subsidy of up to Rs 2.67 lakh for buying affordable homes under PMAY.

The Memorandum of Understanding was inked by Employees Provident Fund Organizations Central Provident Fund Commissioner V P Joy and HUDCO CMD M Ravi Kanth.

The MoU will club the benefits of the Housing Scheme introduced by the EPFO for its subscribers and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).

Under the housing scheme, the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) allows its subscribers from societies for withdrawing up to 90 per cent of their EPF accumulations to buy homes.

Under the PMAY, the beneficiaries are provided credit linked subsidy based on their income levels so that the dream of housing for all can be realised by 2022.

### Reliance Industries pips TCS on market cap, takes Rs 1,450 cr lead, 24 June 2017

**A**fter a gap of 2 months, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) regained the status of the country's most valued firm, overtaking Tata Group's TCS in terms of market valuation.

So far this year, shares of RIL have gained nearly 33 per cent, while TCS is trading flat, down 0.05 per cent.

On April 24, RIL had managed to close the trading session as the most valued firm.



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Employees' Provident Fund Organisation  
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### Airtel starts digital customer care in 11 languages, 24 June 2017

**T**elecom operator Bharti Airtel announced the launch of \*121# Digital Care platform in 11 Indian languages, including Hindi, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil.



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Customers simply need to dial \*121# from their mobile phones and access an easy to navigate menu on their mobile screens to get their account related information in a matter of seconds. No need to wait to speak to a customer care executive or visit an Airtel retail store for basic queries.

This support will be available in Kannada, Bangla, Odia and Assamese as well.

### World Bank clears \$250-mn loan to train India's job seekers, 26 June 2017

**T**he World Bank has cleared a USD 250-million loan for making Indian youth more employable through reskilling, in a move that is seen to aid the Skill India mission.



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Under the programme, adults in 15-59 years of age, underemployed or unemployed, will get the skill training.

The programme has a mandate to provide placement and entrepreneurship opportunities to women and increase their exposure to skill training.

The Washington-headquartered World Bank's SIMO is a six-year programme in support of the Indian government's National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (2017-23).

SIMO will be implemented through the National Skill Development Mission and will specifically target labour market entrants.

### SAP India partners with MSME Ministry for Bharat ERP, 28 June 2017

**T**echnology major SAP India has partnered with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) to jointly launch Bharat ERP, a programme aimed at digital empowerment of small businesses in the country.



**Vidya Balan named ambassador of Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM)**

The initiative aims to digitally enable nearly 30,000 MSMEs and youth in the next three years.

It will also provide MSMEs with access to technology from SAP to help them streamline and integrate key processes like financials, sales and inventory with a single business software.

### Bharti Airtel's deals with Videocon, Aircel approved: CCI, 01 July 2017

The Competition Commission has given approval for telecom major Bharti Airtel's spectrum deals with Videocon and Aircel announced last year.



The Competition Commission of India (CCI) said it has cleared Bharti Airtel's acquisition of Aircel's "right to use of spectrum in 2300 MHz band".

The regulator said that it "approves acquisition by Airtel of Videocon's Right to Use of Spectrum in 1800 MHz band".

### RBI sees economy clipping at 7.3% in current fiscal, 01 July 2017

The Reserve Bank said the ongoing accelerated reform initiatives like GST and continuing political stability will push the economic growth scale to 7.3 per cent in terms of GVA in the current fiscal year.



The Financial Stability Report 2017, bases its optimism to the lower fiscal deficit at 3.2 per cent for this year down from 3.5 per cent in 2016-17. On inflation, it paints a rosy picture and projects CPI inflation to be in the range of 2-3.5 per cent in the first half of the year and 3.5-4.5 per cent in the second half.

### ADB pledges USD 220mn for improving road connectivity in Rajasthan, 04 July 2017

Asian Development Bank (ADB) committed USD 220 million for improving road connectivity as well as transport efficiency and safety on state highways of Rajasthan.

The loan is the first tranche of the USD 500 million Rajasthan State Highways Investment Programme, approved by the ADB Board in May this year that will upgrade about 2,000 kilometers of state highways and major district roads to two- lane or intermediate-lane standards to meet road safety requirements.

**Sun Pharma enters into \$55.5-mn deal with Samsung BioLogics**

### NMCE, ICEX to merge to create India's third biggest commodity exchange, 04 July 2017

National Multi Commodity Exchange (NMCE), India's first demutualised online national multi-commodities exchange will merge with Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX). The merged entity will create India's third biggest commodity exchange. The largest commodity exchange by volume is the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) followed by National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX).

In the merged entity, the ICEX will hold a 62.8% stake, while NMCE shareholders will own the rest.

It will also offer the world's first diamond futures contract, which has already received in-principle approval from the marker regulator SEBI.

### Wipro, Ramot at Tel Aviv University partner for joint research, 05 July 2017

Software major Wipro Limited and Ramot, the Business Engagement Centre at Tel Aviv University, announced a partnership for joint research in emerging technologies.



The partnership envisages the creation of joint research capability at TAU, supported by Wipro to pursue core as well as applied research in fast-developing technologies in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) space.

### AIIB approves USD 329 mn loan to build roads in Gujarat, 05 July 2017

China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) said its board has approved USD 329 million loan to build access roads to 4,000 villages in Gujarat.



The board of directors of the AIIB approved a loan of USD 329 million to build access roads to approximately 4,000 villages in all 33 districts of Gujarat, India.

This project will construct and upgrade district and farm-to-market roads for the villagers and provide approaches to educational institutions, schools and hospitals.

### Wipro Infrastructure Engineering ties up with IAI, 06 July 2017

Wipro Infrastructure Engineering (WIN) and Israel's largest aerospace and defence firm Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) announced a strategic alliance for manufacturing composite aero structure parts and assemblies.

WIN, part of Wipro Enterprises (P) Ltd, will set up a manufacturing facility in India in partnership with IAI to meet the requirements of global aircraft OEMs and Tier-1 suppliers.

The facility will make composite structures in India for global markets and address the compliance requirements of IAI, other OEMs and Tier-1 suppliers to meet Defense Offset Guidelines detailed by the Ministry of Defence.

### GWRL inks pact with Israel's Aero-T to make aerostats, 06 July 2017



Technical textile manufacturer Garware-Wall Ropes Ltd (GWRL) has signed an agreement with Israel's Aero-T to manufacture and supply advanced aerostats for Indian Defence.

The intended cooperation will entail GWRL establishing an aerostat envelop production facility and Aero-T providing the technology for aerostat development and production.

Aerostats are tethered balloons and are capable of operating at an altitude of 15,000 feet. Augmented with radars, aerostats have proved very effective for low-level ground surveillance.

### India likely to clock GDP growth of 6.9 pc this fiscal, 06 July 2017

Indian economy is expected to recover in the coming quarters and the country is expected to clock a real GDP growth of 6.9 per cent in this financial year.

According to a report by BMI Research, India's growth is expected to pick up following the negative ramifications

from the demonetisation drive in November 2016, but weak public banks will likely cap the recovery.

The economy to continue to recover over the coming quarters. We are forecasting real GDP growth to come in at 6.9 per cent in 2017-18.

The Fitch Group company, noted that the negative effects from the demonetisation measure is already wearing off, and the Indian economy will likely benefit from positive demographic trends, greater external stability (due to improved terms of trade from low oil prices), and continued reforms that should help to improve the country's admittedly poor business environment.

The report, however, noted that the public banking sector is still weak and plagued with mounting non-performing assets, and it is likely to weigh on India's growth potential.

Despite the Reserve Bank of India's efforts to clean up these bad loans, these will likely take some time to be worked through the system, and therefore, credit allocation to the productive sectors of the economy is likely to be negatively affected.

### Private life insurance firm ties up with Dhanlaxmi bank, 07 July 2017

Private life insurance company Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance entered into a tie-up with Kerala-based Dhanlaxmi Bank.



According to the agreement signed, all life insurance products of Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance would be made available to customers of Dhanlaxmi Bank and would be sold by licensed staff of the bank.

As part of the agreement, the bank will be a Corporate Agent for three years. However, both aim to continue this relationship for long term.

### Israel's IAI inks defence pact with Kalyani Group, 07 July 2017

Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) and Kalyani Strategic Systems Ltd (KSSL) signed a deal for setting up a facility in Hyderabad for maintenance of advanced air defence systems. The two companies have also agreed on expanding their joint operations for development, manufacturing and marketing of precise ammunition systems.

In February 2017, IAI had inked an MoU with Kalyani Strategic Systems to set up a joint venture to manufacture air defence systems for the Indian Air Force.

**Sanjay Gupta appointed as the Chairman of the Society and Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar**

### Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) and AICTE joins hands, will now work together for Skill India Mission, 08 July 2017

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Telecom Sector Skill Council (TCSS) for complementing the skills imparted by the vocational system and its affiliated institutions and colleges in order to match the need of Prime Minister's 'Skill India Mission'.

Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) is an industry led apex body and committed to ensure adequate skilled manpower to boost growth and productivity in Telecom sector.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) with a view to the proper planning and coordinated development of the technical education system throughout the country.

### Tata Steel's Noamundi first iron ore mine with solar plant, 11 July 2017

Tata Steel's Noamundi mine became the country's first iron-ore mine to have solar plant for reducing carbon footprint.

With due consideration towards Tata Steel's initiatives towards reducing carbon footprint, a three MW solar photovoltaic(PV) power plant has been commissioned at Noamundi and this is the first solar power plant in any iron-ore mine in the country.

The project, executed by Tata Power Solar will help in reducing carbon emission by about 3,000 tonnes per annum.

Noamundi mines is open cast iron-ore mine of Tata Steel and located in Jharkhand.

### Axis Bank ties up with IIC, 12 July 2017

Axis Bank has entered into a collaboration with Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC) to facilitate trade with Latin America and the Caribbean.

It is the first Indian bank to participate in the Trade Finance Facilitation Programme as a confirming bank.

IIC, a member of the Inter-American Development Bank Group, is a multilateral development bank committed



to supporting the private sector in Latin America and the Caribbean. The purpose of this cooperation is to promote bilateral trade relations by allowing easy transaction.

Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC) will act on behalf of Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

This Partnership will accelerate trade relations between India and the South American continent.

### HAL sets revenue target for 2017-18 at Rs 17,900 crore, 12 July 2017

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) inked a pact with the defence ministry for production of a range of aircraft for the armed forces in the current fiscal, and set a revenue target of Rs 17,900 crore for the year.

The annual Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Secretary, Defence Production, Ashok Kumar Gupta and HAL chairman and managing director T Suvarna Raju.

The MoU outlines targets on various performance parameters for the company during the financial year. The revenue from operations has been targeted at Rs 17,900 crore, the highest ever.

It said the company has also laid specific emphasis on capacity building, modernisation and aimed to achieve capital expenditure of Rs 1,300 crore in 2017-18.

The ministry said HAL's focus in the year will be on production of Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40), Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) and Light Utility Helicopter (LUH).

### Paytm buys majority stake in ticketing platform Insider.in, 13 July 2017

India's largest digital payments startup Paytm has acquired a majority stake in online ticket booking platform Insider.in as it looks to take on the country's largest events and movie ticket booking service, BookMyShow.



This partnership would enable its 218 million registered customers to discover a wide range of events and book them instantly. The financials of the deal or Paytm's overall holding in Insider.in were not disclosed.

### Gartner cuts 2017 global IT spend growth estimate to 2.4%, 13 July 2017

Global IT research firm Gartner further lowered its 2017 global IT spending growth estimate to 2.4 per cent from the 2.7 per cent earlier on worries on digitisation.

Novak Djokovic won the Eastbourne International Men's Singles title

The firm had first predicted for a 3 per cent growth in worldwide IT spends, which got revised down to 2.7 per cent in January this year.

The downward revision in growth estimates comes amid growing anxieties over the future of the IT industry, with concerns surrounding automation and rising protectionism that is being blamed for job losses in the country.

The USD 155-billion Indian IT sector depends majorly on exports and industry lobby Nasscom had last month pegged a lower growth forecast of 7-8 per cent in exports in FY18.

### Tata Motors, MAHLE tie up to develop a prototype Mobile AC System, 14 July 2017

Tata Motors and global auto component major MAHLE have joined hands to develop a prototype Secondary Loop Mobile Air Conditioning System (SL-MAC) using environment-friendly refrigerants.

MAHLE and Tata Motors, along with the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (IGSD), which is coordinating the project, received funding for developing SL-MAC system from the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (CCAC).

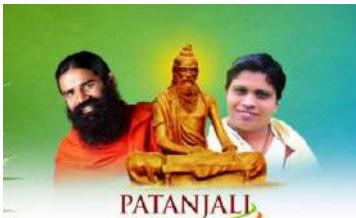
### Tata Steel signs long-term tariff contract with railways, 15 July 2017

Tata Steel has entered into long-term tariff contract (LTTC) with railways, becoming the first company in the steel sector to sign such pact.

LTTC has been introduced by Indian Railways to establish long-term contracts with customers with guaranteed incremental revenue for Indian Railways, the statement said, adding that the contract can be for a duration of three to five years.

### Patanjali, Reliance Jio among top 10 most influential brands, 15 July 2017

According to the global research firm Ipsos, Patanjali Ayurveda has been featured among the top 10 most influential brand in India along with electronic major



Samsung and Reliance Jio. Besides, Google has been ranked at the top slot while Microsoft and Facebook were ranked at number two and three, respectively.

Interestingly, Patanjali and Reliance Jio made an impressive entry as they did not figure in the previous edition of the study.

The Ipsos study, which evaluates over 100 brands across 21 countries, covered more than 1,000 Indians online to assess over 100 brands. The study involved 36,600 interviews.

State Bank of India (SBI) being the only financial institution that made to the list, moved up four ranks to take the fifth position. E-commerce player Flipkart dropped three spots to take the tenth place while Amazon climbed couple of steps to take the sixth place, the study said.

Other companies that made to the list include Samsung (7th) and Airtel (8th). The study measured the biggest, most well-known and highest spending brands.

### Tata Motors develops first bio-methane bus, 18 July 2017



Auto major Tata Motors rolled out the country's first bio-CNG (bio-methane) bus.

The company said the bio-methane engines (5.7 SGI & 3.8 SGI) will be available on light and medium buses.

The company displayed three models, including the lead model Tata LPO 1613 with 5.7 SGI NA BS-IV IOBD-II compliant bus. The buses were showcased at the Urja Utsav organised by oil ministry.

According to Girish Wagh, head of commercial vehicles business at Tata Motors, said the use of bio-CNG will contribute in a positive manner to the smart cities to keep them clean and is a good option for wet garbage management.

### SBI launches SBI Realty portal for home buyers, 18 July 2017

India's largest commercial bank SBI said it has launched a dedicated portal SBI Realty that will help home buyers to choose flats from its 3,000 approved projects across the country.

Madhya Pradesh sets record with plantation of 6 cr saplings in day

State Bank of India has taken another step towards customer's convenience by launching SBI Realty, a one stop integrated website [www.sbirealty.in](http://www.sbirealty.in) for home buyers.



SBI Realty will help customers to choose their dream home from 3,000 SBI approved projects, which are spread across 13 states and Union Territories covering 30 cities.

### RCom's Unlimit, China's Fibocom tie-up to develop IoT solution, 19 July 2017

Reliance Communications' Unlimit announced a strategic alliance with Chinese telecom gear maker Fibocom to design and manufacture modules for wireless communications and develop internet of things (IoT) solutions.



Unlimit said the number of connected devices in India is projected to rise from 200 million today to 3 billion by 2020, and nearly every part of the economy will be positively impacted by IoT.

Unlimit is an independent company of Reliance group set-up to focus solely on providing IoT solutions to enterprises.

### Cabinet nod for ONGC buying government's 51% stake in HPCL, 20 July 2017



The Cabinet approved sale of government's 51.11 per cent stake in oil refiner HPCL to India's largest oil producer ONGC for a potential Rs 26,000 crore to Rs 30,000 crore.

ONGC buying HPCL will help the government meet as much as 40 per cent of its target for raising Rs 72,500 crore in the current fiscal through stake sales.

Prior to the merger, HPCL is likely to take over Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) to bring all the refining assets of ONGC under one unit. ONGC currently owns 71.63 per cent of MRPL while HPCL has 16.96 per cent stake in it.

HPCL will become a subsidiary of ONGC and will remain a listed company post the acquisition.

### UIDAI launches mAadhaar app for syncing Aadhaar data on mobile phone, 20 July 2017



The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) launched the mAadhaar app for syncing Aadhaar data on the mobile phone, a move that will negate the need to carry the Aadhaar card in wallets.

At present, the mAadhaar app is only available on Android phones and can be downloaded on the Google Play Store.

#### How does the mAadhaar app work?

- Once you register in mAadhar app, your Aadhaar card profile including phone number, address and other details get stored on the app.
- The app lets users share their Aadhaar profile and data with third-party applications through NFC, QR codes, Barcodes or even through email.
- In order to share details, there is a sharing of QR code and eKYC data by Aadhaar Number holder system.
- In the app, there is a biometric locking and unlocking system. This feature allows users to secure biometric authentication by locking biometrics data.
- Another feature of this app is Time-based One-Time Password (TOTP) that will be automatically generated as a temporary password and can be used instead of the usual SMS based OTP.

Hyderabad-based TS Vineeth Bhatt conferred with the 'best astrologer of world' award

### SPORTS

#### Burning Topics of the Month

1. Indian girls win silver at Asia Pacific Softball Event.
2. Virat Kohli retains top spot in T20I rankings, Jasprit Bumrah rises to second.
3. India rise to 96 in FIFA rankings, best in two decades.

**India slip to third spot, Pakistan leapfrog to sixth place in ICC One-day rankings, 21 June 2017**

Pakistan jumped two places to sixth in the ICC ODI team rankings following their title triumph at the Champions Trophy while the finalists India remained at number three.



Pakistan leapfrogged Sri Lanka and Bangladesh to move closer to direct qualification for the 2019 World Cup, for which host England and the next seven highest-ranked sides as on 30 September will get straight entries.

There were no other changes in the teams standings led by South Africa, although India, England and Bangladesh have all lost a point each.

**Sarfraz named captain of ICC Team of Champions Trophy, 21 June 2017**

Three Indians, including skipper Virat Kohli, were named in the ICC Team of the Champions Trophy 2017, with Pakistan's Sarfraz Ahmed named its captain, a day after his side's triumphant campaign. The side includes seven players from the two finalists - India and Pakistan.



**Mumbai girl Ahana wins bronze at junior chess meet in UK, 21 June 2017**

Mumbai girl Ahana Shah has won a bronze medal with a score of 4 points out of 5 in the Under-7 category of the 2017 Kenilworth Junior Open Rapid

Chess Tournament in the United Kingdom.

Ahana, a second grade student of the Dhirubhai Ambani International School in Mumbai, managed to finish in third position in the tournament.



Rithvik, of Hallfield, and Dicen, of St. Patricks Club, emerged winners and runner-up respectively.

**Indian girls win silver at Asia Pacific Softball Event, 22 June 2017**

India's women's softball team won the silver medal at the Asia Pacific Middle East Little League (Senior Division) Softball Championship.



India lost the final to Philippines after beating hosts Singapore in the semi-final.

**Yashaswini wins gold in ISSF Junior World Championship, 26 June 2017**

Yashaswini Singh Deswal won a gold at the women's 10m air pistol event to help India consolidate their second position in the medals tally at the end of day two of the ISSF Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Suhl, Germany.



**Srikanth beats Olympic champ Chen Long to win maiden Australian Open title, 26 June 2017**

Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth clinched his fourth Super Series title with an incredible straight-game triumph over reigning Olympic and world champion Chen Long in the Australian Open final.



The world no.11 Srikanth won against the world no.6 Chinese, who is also a two-time All-England champion.

The triumph is his second successive after clinching the Indonesia Open Super Series Premier title.

Nandan Nilekani, Sanjeev Aggarwal launch \$100 million start-up fund

### Sindhu, junior hockey team win SJFI annual awards, 26 June 2017

The Sports Journalists Federation of India, at its annual general meeting, decided to confer the best Sportsperson of the Year Award on the ace shuttler and Rio Olympics silver medallist PV Sindhu.



The Best Team of the Year award was bagged by the Indian junior hockey squad which won the World Cup in Lucknow last December.

Both the awards would be presented at the 40th convention of the SJFI to be held in Indore in September.

### India win team bronze in 25m rapid fire pistol in Jr WC, 27 June 2017

India shooters won a bronze medal in men's 25m rapid fire pistol team event at the ISSF Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Suhl, Germany.



The trio of Anish, Anhad Jawanda and Shivam Shukla notched up a combined score of 1711 to claim third place and take India's overall tally from the competition to two gold, one silver and one bronze medal.

### Latvia's Sevastova wins Mallorca Open tennis, 27 June 2017

Latvia's Anastasija Sevastova defeated Germany's Julie Goerges to win the Mallorca Open.

This is the second final Sevastova has played in Mallorca, and the first title she has won in seven years.



### India finish second in Junior Shooting World Championship, 28 June 2017

The Indian shooting squad finished a creditable second at the ISSF Junior World Championship with three gold, two silver and three bronze medals in Suhl, Germany.

China topped the tally in the rifle/pistol tournament with 19 medals, including eight gold.

India picked up a gold and silver in the team and individual sections of the 25m pistol junior men's event, as well as the team bronze in the 25m pistol junior women's event to shore up their tally on the fourth and final day of competitions.

### Telangana woman selected for US cricket team, 28 June 2017

Telangana's Sindhuja Reddy has been selected as a member of the US women's national cricket team, which has recently been recognized by the ICC.



The wicketkeeper-batswoman, who had played for Hyderabad in Ranji Trophy, is hoping to be a member of the US team in the ICC World Cup in 2020.

### Virat Kohli retains top spot in T20I rankings, Jasprit Bumrah rises to second, 28 June 2017

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah has risen to second in the latest ICC Twenty20 rankings while skipper Virat Kohli has retained the top spot in the batsmen's list.



There is no change in the top three of the all-rounders' table which is headed by Shakib Al Hasan of Bangladesh.

Pakistan's ICC Champions Trophy-winning side's member Imad Wasim has become the number-one ranked T20 bowler after South Africa's Imran Tahir lost ground following the conclusion of the series against England. In the batting table, Kohli, Aaron Finch of Australia and Kane Williamson of New Zealand have retained the top three positions.

### Malinga gets suspended one-year ban, 28 June 2017

Lasith Malinga received a suspended one-year cricket ban after the fast bowler pleaded guilty to a charge of speaking to the media without permission, Sri Lanka's cricket board said.



The sanction is suspended for six months and Malinga will also be fined 50 percent of the match fee from his next one-day international, Sri Lanka Cricket said. The charge against Malinga came from his response to criticism by Sri Lanka's sports minister over the team's fitness levels.

FINO Payments Bank commenced operations as a payments bank

### Jehan wins FIA F3 European Championship, 02 July 2017

Jehan Daruvala of Sahara Force India Academy created history by becoming the first Indian to win in the FIA F3 European Championship.



Jehan's victory in race 3 comes 18 years after Naren Karthikeyan won in the British F3 Championship.

### Soaked Loew hails Germany's rising Confed Cup stars, 03 July 2017

Joachim Loew has hailed Germany's next generation of stars after beating Chile in Confederations Cup final but says the challenge is to defend the World Cup next year.



Lars Stindl's simple tap-in was enough to seal Germany's victory in final in St Petersburg as the youthful world champions lifted the Confed Cup for the first time.

Germany's captain Julian Draxler was voted the Confed Cup's player of the tournament and striker Timo Werner finished as the top scorer in Russia with three goals and two assists.

### Ceat named title sponsor for Ultimate Table Tennis League, 05 July 2017

Tyre manufacturing company Ceat has come on board for Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) competition as title sponsor.

The tournament consisting 24 Indian and 24 International paddlers will start from July 13 and the semi-finals and final will be held here from July 26.

Each club in the meet will have eight players -- four men and four women with an equal mix of overseas and Indian players, apart from a foreign and an Indian coach.

### Suthirtha-Pooja duo wins bronze in Australian Open TT, 05 July 2017

India paddlers continued their good run and won a bronze medal for the country when Sutirtha Mukherjee and Pooja Sahasrabudhe lost in the women's doubles semifinals at the Seamaster 2017 Australian Open at Gold Coast.



Suthirtha and Pooja has defeated crowd favourites Miao Miao and Jian Fang Lay of Australia 3-1 (11-9 12-14 8-11 9-11) to enter the last four round.

### Pankaj Advani-led India beat Pakistan to win Asian Snooker Championship, 06 July 2017

India's leading cueist Pankaj Advani teamed up with Laxman Rawat to demolish Pakistan in the final of the Asian Team Snooker Championship.



Advani drew first blood by putting on a sterling performance against Mohammad Bilal.

India's fate was going to be determined by Advani's partner Rawat's form and he did not disappoint.

He rose to the occasion to head towards what was to be his first major international title with a clinical 73 break to win the frame without allowing his opponent, Babar Masih to score a single point.

### India rise to 96 in FIFA rankings, best in two decades, 06 July 2017

The Indian football team rose to the 96th spot in the latest FIFA rankings, its best- ever in the last two decades and the second best overall.

As far as Asia is concerned, India are the 12th highest ranked team in the continent, while Iran lead the chart at the 23rd spot.

India's best-ever FIFA ranking till date stays 94, which was attained in February 1996, while 99 was India's second-best, achieved in November 1993.

### Virat Kohli breaks Sachin Tendulkar's record of most centuries in chases, 07 July 2017

Virat Kohli surpassed Sachin Tendulkar's record for most hundreds in chases during the fifth and final One-Day International against West Indies in Jamaica.



While The Little Master took 232 innings to score 17 hundreds, he has taken just 102 innings to score 18 ODI tons while batting second.

Sri Lanka's Tillakaratne Dilshan and West Indies' Chris Gayle are joint third with 11 tons each while Pakistan's Saeed Anwar and Lanka's Sanath Jayasuriya have 10

Cisco India President Dinesh Malkani quits

centuries each while chasing. Tendulkar has 18,426 runs from 463 ODIs while the Indian captain has amassed runs so far from 189 matches.

### Harinder Sandhu wins South Australian Open title, 08 July 2017

India's Harinder Pal Sandhu beat Rhys Dowling of Australia in the final to lift South Australian Open squash title.

Sandhu was down 1-7 after winning the first game comfortably as the Australian fought back strongly.

He had upset top-seed Pedro Schweertman of the Netherlands in the semifinal of the PSA World Tour event. It was Sandhu's eighth title at the PSA level.



### India creates history, tops medal tally at Asian Athletics, 09 July 2017

In a stunning show of dominance, India clinched five gold to top the medal tally for first time in the history of Asian Athletics Championships, pushing China to second spot, in their most successful campaign in the continental flagship event.



With 5 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze, India ended the four-day championships on top with their highest ever medal haul of 29 medals (12 gold, 5 silver and 12 bronze).

China ended this edition on second position with 8 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze.

### Shastri is head coach, Zaheer bowling coach, Dravid consultant, 12 July 2017

Former cricketer Ravi Shastri has been appointed the head coach of the Indian cricket team. Along with this, Zaheer Khan has been appointed as the bowling coach and Rahul Dravid as the batting consultant for specific overseas tours.

Shastri replaced Anil Kumble, who exited after a much publicised difference of opinion with Captain Virat Kohli.

Making for a star-studded coaching team, former speedster Zaheer Khan took over as the bowling coach while Rahul Dravid was handed over additional responsibility of a batting consultant on specific overseas tours.

IGNOU will provide free education for transgender students

### World Record: Mithali scales 'Mt 6000' in One-day Cricket, 13 July 2017

Indian captain Mithali Raj created a world record by becoming the first player to cross 6000 runs in the history of women's ODI during the ICC World Cup match against Australia.



The Indian team now have two current world record holders with pacer Jhulan Goswami being the leading wicket-taker in 50-over cricket. Against Australia, Mithali surpassed former England captain Charlotte Edwards's 5992 runs when she reached 34, thereby becoming the highest scorer in ODIs. Mithali now has 6028 runs from 183 games.

### Damneet wins a silver in World U-18 Athletics, 15 July 2017

Damneet Singh grabbed a silver in boys' hammer throw event to give India their first medal on the third day of the IAAF World U-18 Athletics Championships.



Damneet sent the 5kg chain and iron ball to a best distance of 74.20m, which he came up in his first attempt. This was his personal best effort. Mykhaylo Kokhan of Ukraine won the gold with a best throw of 82.31m while Raphael Winkelvoss of Germany took the bronze by clearing a distance of 71.78m.

### Sundar Singh Gurjar bags India's first gold at World Para Athletics Championships, 15 July 2017

Sundar Singh Gurjar has opened India's account at the World Para Athletics Championships by clinching gold in the men's javelin throw event. In the F46 category, Sundar recorded his personal best effort of 60.36m on the very first night of the tournament and took the top honour.



Dinesh Priyantha Herath of Sri Lanka emerged second with 57.93m, followed by defending champion China's Guo Chunliang with a season best of 56.14m.

### Manudev wins National Masters snooker title, 16 July 2017

Karnataka's Manudev defeated Alok Kumar of PSPB by four frames to one in the final to win the title in the first National Masters snooker tournament.

Kumar, a former national men's champion, had been in fine form coming into the summit clash, but found Manudev a tough proposition.



### Indian judokas bag 3 medals in Asian Cadet Championships, 16 July 2017

India bagged three medals, including a gold in the just-concluded Asian Cadet Judo Championship in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Thangjam Tababi Devi of Manipur won the yellow metal for India in the girl's below 44kg weight category, while Haryana's Simran clinched a bronze in the girl's below 40kg division. India's other bronze medal was bagged by Paramjeet of Haryana in the boy's below 90kg category.

### Harinder Pal Sandhu wins Victorian Open title, 16 July 2017

India's Harinder Pal Sandhu continued his fine run by winning a second title in two weeks, beating top-seed Rex Hedrick of Australia in a 77-minute final of Victorian Open squash, a PSA Tour event, in Melbourne.



Third-seeded Sandhu, who had won the South Australian Open last week, stepped up to win the second game 11-3 using an attacking game to keep his rival at bay. He had beaten Pedro Schweertman of the Netherlands to reach the final.

### Federer beats Cilic in straight sets to win 8th Wimbledon, 19th Grand Slam, 17 July 2017

Roger Federer defeated Marin Cilic to win a record eighth Wimbledon men's singles title and became the tournament's oldest champion.



Federer claimed his 19th Grand Slam title at 35 is Wimbledon's oldest men's winner of the modern era, succeeding Arthur Ashe, who was almost 32 when he won in 1976.

However, the Swiss superstar's 11th Wimbledon final, and 29th at the majors, will also be remembered for the moving sight of the popular Cilic breaking down in tears after slipping 3-0 behind in the second set.

Federer became the first player since Bjorn Borg in 1976 to win Wimbledon without dropping a set in the entire tournament.

### Lewis Hamilton wins fourth straight British Grand Prix, 17 July 2017

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won the consecutive fourth British Grand Prix.

With this victory, Hamilton has made the difference between the top-ranked Vettel and him to just one point.

In a dramatic race packed with incident, Vettel suffered a late puncture and finished seventh for Ferrari after his teammate Kimi Raikkonen also pitted with a similar problem in the closing stages.

Hamilton's victory, a record-equalling fifth in his home event and the 57th of his career, rebooted his title challenge as he came home ahead of team-mate Valtteri Bottas, who started ninth, in a dominant Mercedes one-two finish.

### Kubot-Melo, Makarova-Vesnina win doubles titles at Wimbledon, 17 July 2017

First there was one of the longest doubles finals in Wimbledon history. And then there was one of the shortest.



The men's final was the first match on Centre Court following the women's singles championship. Lukasz Kubot and Marcelo Melo beat Oliver Marach and Mate Pavic in a match that lasted 4 hours, 40 minutes — only 21 minutes shorter than the longest men's doubles final in history.

That was followed by the women's doubles final, which Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina won over Chan Hao-ching and Monica Niculescu.

National Book Trust launched Har Haath Ek Kitaab Campaign

The women's doubles final lasted for 55 minutes. It was Makarova and Vesnina's third Grand Slam title together. The 2016 Olympic doubles champions won the French Open in 2013 and the U.S. Open in 2014.

### Garbine Muguruza Beats Venus Williams to Win 2017 Wimbledon Women's Championship, 17 July 2017

**G**arbine Muguruza defeated Venus Williams to win her first her first Wimbledon women's singles title.

It is 14th seed Muguruza's second Grand Slam title after her French Open triumph over Serena Williams in 2016.

She is also the first woman to beat both Williams sisters in Grand Slam finals.



### Amit Kumar wins silver in World Para Athletics Championships, 18 July 2017

**I**ndia's Amit Kumar Saroha clinched a silver in men's club throw F51 competition in World Para Athletics Championships.

Saroha's best throw of 30.25m, which came in his third attempt, fetched him a silver medal. In the process, the para-athlete from Haryana set a new Asian record in this event. Serbia's Zeljko Dimitrijevic retained his title with a world record throw of 31.99m.



The 32-year-old Saroha had also won a silver in this event in the last edition of the biennial championships in Doha in 2015. He also had won a gold medal in this event in the 2014 Incheon Asian Para Games. Earlier, Sundar Singh Gurjar had won a gold in men's javelin throw F46 on July 14.

### Mumbai teens Joshi, Ananya win Dutch Open, 18 July 2017

**M**umbai's Neel Joshi and Ananya Dabke bagged the under-15 boys and girls titles respectively in the Dutch Open Junior Squash Championship in Amsterdam, Netherlands.



**DHFL General Insurance has appointed Vijay Sinha as its managing director and chief executive officer**

Top seed Joshi beat Khalil Alhassan of England in the boys final, while Dabke, win over second seed Serena Daniel of the US in the corresponding girls title round.

### Kazan and Budapest to host 2022, 2024 FINA Short Course World Swimming Championships, 18 July 2017



**T**he International Swimming Federation (FINA) announced that the Russian city of Kazan and Hungarian city Budapest have been chosen to host the 2022, 2024 Short Course Swimming Championships respectively.

FINA took the decision about the host cities for both events in a meeting at Budapest, the venue of the 2017 World Aquatics Championships.

On the other hand, the Chinese city of Hangzhou is set to host the Short Course Swimming Championships in 2018, while Abu Dhabi will be the venue in 2020.

#### About International Swimming Federation

- ☞ The International Swimming Federation is the international federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for administering international competition in water sports.
- ☞ It is one of several international federations, which administer a given sport/discipline for the IOC and/or international community.
- ☞ It is based in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ☞ The Federation currently oversees competition in five aquatics sports: swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, water polo, and open water swimming.

### Bharat Arun appointed as Team India's new bowling coach, 19 July 2017

**B**harat Arun was appointed as the new bowling coach of Team India by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The decision was announced during a



press briefing held by the newly appointed Indian team coach Ravi Shastri after meeting the four-member BCCI panel.

Shastri also welcomed both Rahul Dravid and Zaheer Khan on board as batting and bowling consultants and said that the contracts of the duo will be finalised by the BCCI officials.

### Key Highlights

- Arun has been handed a full-time role, as bowling consultant Zaheer Khan will only be available for 150 days a year.
- Sanjay Bangar will continue as the assistant batting coach of the team while R Sridhar will continue as the fielding coach of the team.
- All the three appointments have been made for a two-year period.
- Bharat Arun has been reappointed to the role he fulfilled during Ravi Shastri's tenure as team director from August 2014 to April 2016.
- The Indian cricket team did not have a bowling coach since Arun's contract expired in 2016.

- Both Bangar and Sridhar were given one-year extensions in June 2016.

### Ravichandran Ashwin slips to third place in ICC ranking, 19 July 2017

India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin slipped a place to take the third position in the latest ICC Player Rankings for Test bowlers.



Sri Lanka spinner Rangana Herath has climbed to second position after grabbing his eighth 10-wicket match haul and helping win the one-off Test against Zimbabwe in Colombo by four wickets.

Apart from defeating Ashwin to second place, Herath has limited the difference between Ravindra Jadeja, who runs himself and the top, to 32 points.

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### SCIENCE

#### Burning Topics of the Month

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2. **Scientists develop world's sharpest laser with a linewidth of only 10 mHz.**
3. **ISRO develops ship borne transportable antenna terminal.**

#### ISRO launches Cartosat-2 with 30 nano satellites, 23 June 2017

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched earth observation satellite Cartosat-2 series weighing 712 kg and 30 co-passenger satellites (29 foreign, one Indian) with its rocket Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).



The 30 satellites will together weigh 243 kg and the total weight of all the 31 satellites, including Cartosat, is about 955 kg.

The rocket will sling the satellites into a 505 km polar sun synchronous orbit (SSO).

The co-passenger satellites comprise 29 nano satellites from 14 countries - Austria, Belgium, Britain, Chile, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, and the US as well as one Indian nano satellite.

The Indian nano satellite 15 kg NIUSAT belongs to Nooral Islam University, Tamil Nadu. The satellite will provide multi-spectral imagery for agricultural crop monitoring and disaster management support applications.

PSLV-C38 was launched from the First Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre.

According to ISRO, the images sent by Cartosat satellite would be useful for cartographic, urban, rural, coastal land use, utility management like road network monitoring, water distribution, creation of land use maps, change detection to bring out geographical and man-made features and various other land information systems and geographical information system applications.

#### Communication satellite GSAT-17 launched from French Guiana, 29 June 2017

India's latest communication satellite GSAT-17 was successfully launched by a heavy duty rocket of Arianespace from the spaceport of Kourou in French Guiana.



The GSAT-17 with a lift-off mass of about 3,477 kg carries payloads in Normal C-band, Extended C-band and S-band to provide various communication services.

It also carries equipment for meteorological data relay and satellite based search and rescue services being provided by earlier INSAT satellites.

GSAT-17 that will strengthen ISRO's current fleet of 17 telecommunications satellites was launched into a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO).

This will be third satellite launch by ISRO this month, the other two being first developmental flight of GSLV MkIII and PSLV C-38 missions -- both from Sriharikota spaceport.

GSLV MkIII successfully launched GSAT-19 satellite on June 5 while PSLV-C38 orbited Cartosat-2 Series satellite along with 30 co-passenger satellites on June 23 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre.

ISRO, which has been dependent on Ariane-5 rocket for carrying its heavier satellites, is developing GSLV Mk III for this purpose.

#### Scientists develop world's sharpest laser with a linewidth of only 10 mHz, 04 July 2017

A team of scientists have developed the world's sharpest laser costing 44 million euros. Named as 'Super Laser', it is 10 times more powerful than any other on the planet and has the potential to revolutionize engineering in aeronautics, power and automotive industries.



This laser was developed within the scope of a nearly 10-year-long joint project with researchers from Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB) and JILA, a joint institute of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the University of Colorado Boulder in the US.

#### Key Highlights

- Theoretically, laser light has only one colour, frequency or wavelength. However, there is always a certain linewidth. This laser with a linewidth of only 10 miliHertz (mHz) is closer to the ideal laser than ever before.

Narendra Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Israel in 70 years

- It has an average power output of 1000 watts which is a benchmark in sustained high energy pulses and is far greater than the world's other high-power beams in Osaka and Texas.
- This laser, with record-breaking precision, can help make optical atomic clocks more precise as well as can test Einstein's theory of relativity.

### India successfully test-fires short range surface-to-air missile, 04 July 2017

India successfully test-fired indigenously developed quick reaction surface-to-air missile (QR-SAM) off the Odisha coast. This short range missile with a strike range of 25 to 30 km was test fired from a truck-mounted canister launcher from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur.

It was the second developmental trial of the state-of-the-art missile with an aerial target. The first developmental trial of the missile was carried out on 4 June 2017 from the same base. Designed to be a quick reaction missile, it is capable of engaging multiple targets and involves an all-weather weapon system capable of tracking and firing.

It was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and other establishments.

### North Korea confirms successful test-firing of ballistic missile, 04 July 2017

North Korea claimed that it successfully test-fired its first intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) 'Hwasong -14'.

The Hwasong-14 missile was fired from North Pyongan province and it reached an altitude of 2,802 km and flew 933 km for about 40 minutes before hitting a target in the East Sea. The US military characterised it as a "land-based, intermediate-range" missile. The North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) assessed that the missile launch from North Korea did not pose a threat to North America.

### Pak successfully test fires short-range ballistic missile Nasr, 06 July 2017

Pakistan successfully test fired short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile Nasr, which army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa said has put "cold water" on Indian military's "Cold Start" doctrine.



Nasr is a high-precision weapon system with the ability to be deployed quickly, the army said.

FMCG major ITC became the fourth Indian company to cross market capitalisation of ₹4 trillion

Pakistan Army has conducted a series of training launches and tests during the current week for validation of new technical parameters of NASR with enhanced range from 60-70 kilometres and flight maneuverability.

Cold Start is a military doctrine developed by the Indian Armed Forces for use in a likely war with Pakistan.

### CERN Physicists Find a Particle with a Double Dose of Charm, 07 July 2017

Physicists have discovered a particle that is doubly charming. Researchers reported that in debris flying out from the collisions of protons at the CERN particle physics laboratory outside Geneva, they had spotted a particle that has long been predicted but not detected until now.

The new particle, awkwardly known as Xi-cc++ (pronounced ka-sigh-see-see-plus-plus), could provide new insight into how tiny, whimsically named particles known as quarks, the building blocks of protons and neutrons, interact with each other.

### ISRO develops ship borne transportable antenna terminal, 12 July 2017

Space agency ISRO's Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network ISTRAC has designed and developed a Ship Borne Transportable (SBT) Antenna Terminal to meet the launch vehicle telemetry tracking and command requirements.



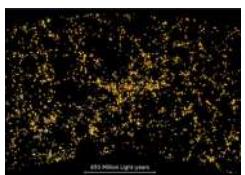
The 4.6 meter Ship Borne Antenna System has been built indigenously, fulfilling all specifications and has established in-house capability for meeting future requirements.

It has also improved the operational reliability due to in-house know-how of the system engineering, besides reducing the cost considerably.

The city-based ISTRAC provides tracking support for all satellite and launch vehicle missions of ISRO and also provides space operations support for Deep Space Missions.

### Indian scientists discover new supercluster of galaxies, call it Saraswati, 14 July 2017

A team of Indian astronomers has discovered an extremely large supercluster of galaxies as big as 20 million billion suns which they have named Saraswati, Pune-based Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) said.



This is one of the largest known structures in the neighbourhood of the universe, 4,000 million light-years away from Earth and roughly more than 10 billion years old, IUCAA said.

Its mass extends over the scale of 600 million light years, it said. Scientists of this institute were also involved in the path-breaking discovery of gravitational waves last year.

### US Navy tests world's first Laser Weapons System, 19 July 2017



United States Navy successfully tested the world's first-ever active Laser Weapons System (LaWS).

In the test, the LaWS deployed aboard the USS Ponce amphibious transport ship was able to destroy a drone in flight and moving targets on the Persian Gulf.

USS Ponce is first ship in the world to be deployed with such advanced weapons system.

The system has special materials that release photons at the speed of light. It silently hits the target, burning it to a temperature of thousands of degrees. It can even target a single component of an enemy target and disable or destroy it as necessary. Each strike of the system travels 50,000 times the speed of an incoming ICBM (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile).

### GSI discovers millions of tonnes of precious metals and minerals in Indian waters, 20 July 2017

Scientists from the Geological Survey of India (GSI) have discovered the presence of millions of tonnes of precious metals and minerals deep under the waters within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of peninsular India.



They have confirmed the presence of large amount of lime mud, phosphate-rich and calcareous sediments, hydrocarbons, metalliferous deposits and micronodules. They believe that deeper and more extensive exploration could lead to a larger treasure trove.

The presence of lime mud, phosphate-rich sediments was discovered off Karwar, Mangaluru and Chennai coasts, gas hydrate in the channel-levee system of Mannar Basin off the Tamil Nadu coast, micro-manganese nodules around Lakshadweep Sea and cobalt-bearing ferro-manganese crust from the Andaman Sea.

#### Background

GSI for first time had identified huge presence of marine resources off Mangaluru, Mannar Basin, Chennai, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and around Lakshadweep in early 2014. After three years of exploration, it had generated 181,025 square kilometres of high-resolution seabed morphological data and established the occurrence of more than 10,000 million tonnes of lime mud within the EEZ of India.

GST had carried out the 'High Resolution Seabed Mapping and Natural Resource Evaluation' using three state-of-the-art research vessels — Samudra Ratnakar, Samudra Kaustabh and Samudra Saudikama. The main objective of the survey was to identify potential zones of favourable mineralisation and evaluate marine mineral resources.

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Malayalam filmmaker KR Mohanan passed away

### MISCELLANEOUS Burning Topics of the Month

1. **Haryana girl Manushi Chhillar is Femina Miss India World 2017.**
2. **UNESCO names Sharjah as World Book Capital.**
3. **Cash in Swiss banks: India drops to 88th place post black money crackdown.**

### Mumbai's Taj Mahal Palace hotel acquires image trademark, 21 June 2017



The iconic Taj Mahal Palace hotel in the city has acquired an 'image trademark', making it the first building in the country to get intellectual property rights protection for its architectural design.

It will ensure that commercial use of the image of its dome and grand exterior can be made only with the consent of Taj Hotels Palaces Resorts Safaris.

The hotel was opened on December 16, 1903.

### Mumbai most expensive for expatriates in India: Mercer, 21 June 2017

Mumbai is the most expensive city for expatriates in India and is ranked higher than major global cities such as Paris, Canberra, Seattle and Vienna.



According to Mercer's 23rd annual Cost of Living Survey, Mumbai is placed 57th on the list while New Delhi was placed at 99. Chennai (135), Bangalore (166) and Kolkata (184) were the other Indian cities on the list.

Luanda, the capital of Angola, was the costliest city, driven by cost of goods and security, followed by Hong Kong and Tokyo at the second and third places, respectively.

Indian boxer Ankush Dahiya clinched a gold at the Ulaanbaatar Cup boxing tournament in Mongolia

Others in the top 10 include Zurich at the 4th place, Singapore (5th), Seoul (6th), Geneva (7th), Shanghai (8th), New York City (9th), and Bern (10th).

### Priyanka Chopra to endorse Skill India campaign, 26 June 2017

Actress Priyanka Chopra will soon be seen endorsing government's flagship Skill India campaign, with the National Skill Development Corporation roping in the Bollywood celebrity as an ambassador for the initiative.



Priyanka will use her celebrity status to motivate youngsters to hone their abilities through a media campaign.

Earlier, Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli, batting legend Sachin Tendulkar, Bollywood actors Sidharth Malhotra and Shabana Azmi and singer Mohit Chauhan had also become goodwill envoys for Skill India.

### Haryana girl Manushi Chhillar is Femina Miss India World 2017, 26 June 2017

The 54th Femina Miss India World 2017 winner is Manushi Chhillar from Haryana, while the first runner-up is Sana Dua from Jammu and Kashmir and the second runner-up is Priyanka Kumari from Bihar.



The event was held at Yash Raj Studios in Mumbai.

Besides, Vinali Bhatnagar won the Miss Active crown whereas Vamika Nidhi won the special award of 'Body Beautiful'.

### Two men from Maharashtra pedal to history, become 1st Indians, 26 June 2017

Eleven days, 18 hours and 45 minutes after setting out from California, Srinivas Gokulnath created history by becoming the first Indian to complete what is considered to be the toughest cycle race in the world the 4,900-km Race across America (RAAM) in solo category.



In a feat that marks the Indian arrival on the endurance cycling scene globally, another Maharashtrian, Dr Amit Samarth of Nagpur, followed him at the finish line at Annapolis on American east coast around midnight as per the Indian time.

Among the nine men who finished, Gokulnath stood 7th while Samarth was right on his heels at number 8. The race was won by Christoph Strasser.

### Uttarakhand gets award of excellence at international meet, 29 June 2017

Uttarakhand was conferred with the award of excellence at the 2nd Global Skill Development Summit held in Paris for innovations and extensive use of IT for skilling the state's youth.



A new initiative is being taken to impart high quality job oriented training to the states youth so that they could avail of employment opportunities in the tourism, beauty and wellness, agriculture, health and security sectors.

### UNESCO names Sharjah as World Book Capital 2019, 29 June 2017

Sharjah has been crowned with the prestigious 'the World Book Capital' for 2019 by UNESCO for the quality of its literary and cultural activities and for its efforts to make books accessible to the entire population of the nation.



Sharjah has been chosen for the quality of its literary and cultural activities, and for its unfailing efforts to make books accessible to the entire population of the nation.

Sharjah is the 19th city to become World Book Capital.

### Indian-origin boy Arnav Sharma gets 162 IQ points, more than Einstein and Hawking, 01 July 2017

Arnav Sharma, an 11-year-old Indian-origin boy in the United Kingdom, secured the top possible score of 162 on a Mensa IQ test.

Sharma secured two points higher than physicist Albert Einstein and astrophysicist Stephen Hawking, making him one of the brainiest children in the country.



The Indian-origin boy passed the infamously difficult test with zero preparation. In fact, he had never seen what a typical paper looked like before taking it.

#### About Mensa

- » Mensa is believed to be the largest and oldest high IQ society in the world.
- » Its membership is open to anyone who can demonstrate an IQ in the top 2 per cent of the population, measured by a recognised or approved IQ testing process.
- » The society was founded in 1946 in Oxford by Lancelot Lionel Ware, a scientist and lawyer, and Roland Berrill, an Australian barrister.

### PM releases photo book titled "President Pranab Mukherjee - A Statesman", 03 July 2017

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a photo book titled 'President Pranab Mukherjee - A Statesman'. This book is a compilation of pictures and articles related to President Pranab Mukherjee's tenure.



### Cash in Swiss banks: India drops to 88th place post black money crackdown, 03 July 2017

India has slipped to 88th place in terms of money parked by its citizens with Swiss banks, while the UK remains on the top.



Also, the money officially held by Indians with banks in Switzerland now accounts for a meagre 0.04 per cent of the total funds kept by all foreign clients in the Swiss banking system, as per an analysis of the latest figures compiled by the SNB (Swiss National Bank) as on 2016-end.

A SpaceX rocket carried 10 communications satellites into orbit from California

India was placed at 75th position in 2015 and at 61st in the year before that, though it used to be among top-50 countries in terms of holdings in Swiss banks till 2007. The country was ranked highest at 37th place in the year 2004.

### Signature Global ropes in Vidya Balan as brand ambassador, 04 July 2017

**R**ealty firm Signature Global, which is into development of affordable homes, has roped in Bollywood actress Vidya Balan as brand ambassador.

Signature Global has launched 9 affordable housing projects, comprising about 9,300 units in a price range of Rs 15-25 lakh, in Gurgaon in the last three years of operations. All projects are under the Haryana Affordable Housing scheme.

In May, Signature Global received Rs 200 crore funding from private equity player KKR, while it raised Rs 150 crore from ICICI Prudential last year.

### SRK to continue as Hyundai brand ambassador for 2 more years, 04 July 2017

**H**undai Motor India has extended its 19-year old association with Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan for another two years.

The fresh mandate as the brand ambassador starts from April 21, 2017, till April 20, 2019.

According to Hyundai, SRK is one of the first Hyundai family members and has played a key role in the success of Santro since our inception in India.

### Priyanka Chopra becomes Academy member, 05 July 2017

**P**riyanka Chopra is one of the newest members the Academy of Motion Picture of Arts & Sciences (AMPAS) and the actress has praised the ongoing push for racial and gender equality.



Following two years of sharp criticism and back-to-back ceremonies with an all-white slate of acting nominees, AMPAS invited a record 774 new members from 57 countries around the world to join the organisation's ranks.

Apart from Priyanka, other Indian stars who have been invited to join the Academy and vote in the Oscars include the likes of, megastar Amitabh Bachchan, Aamir Khan, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, filmmakers Goutam Ghose, Buddhadeb Dasgupta, Salman Khan, Irrfan Khan and Deepika Padukone.

Minister for Science & Technology Dr. Harshvardhan has launched a Mobile App named 'Celebrating Yoga' in New Delhi

### Ranveer Singh's wax statue unveiled at Grevin museum in Paris, 07 July 2017

**A**wax statue of actor Ranveer Singh was unveiled at the Grévin wax museum in Paris.



Ranveer is the third Bollywood celebrity after Shah Rukh Khan and Aishwarya Rai to get a statue at the museum. Wax statue has been unveiled on Ranveer Singh's 32nd birthday.

### A.R. Rahman shortlisted for World Soundtrack Awards, 08 July 2017

**O**scar winning composer A.R. Rahman is delighted that his music from the film "Viceroy's House" has been shortlisted for the World Soundtrack Awards, a public choice award.



All soundtrack and film music fans worldwide can cast their personal vote for what they consider the best soundtrack of the past 12 months. The soundtrack that gets the highest number of votes will receive the World Soundtrack Public Choice Award 2017.

Directed by Gurinder Chadha, a British filmmaker of Sikh origin, "Viceroy's House" also stars Huma Qureshi, "Downton Abbey" star Hugh Bonneville, Gillian Anderson and late actor Om Puri. The film will release as "Partition: 1947" in India on August 18.

### Ranveer, Rajkummar among 50 Most Influential Young Indians, 08 July 2017

**B**ollywood actor Ranveer Singh, Rajkummar Rao, badminton ace P.V. Sindhu and Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma have been named in a list of the 50 Most Influential Young Indians of 2017 by GQ India magazine.



The GQ Power List was celebrated with the announcement of 50 most influential Indians under the age of 40 from a diverse range of backgrounds and professions – business and entrepreneurship, politics, fashion, design, media, food and drink, entertainment, sports, and real estate to name a few.

# LAST MOMENT STORY

## Ram Nath Kovind: The 14th President of India

Ram Nath Kovind who was born on 1 October 1945 is the 14th and current President of India. He served as the 35th Governor of Bihar from 2015 to 2017 and was a Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha from 1994 to 2006. He was a leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Kovind was nominated as a presidential candidate by the ruling NDA coalition and won the 2017 presidential election. He is the 2nd Dalit leader ever to be elected to the post. He assumed office on July 25th, 2017.

Before entering politics, he was a lawyer for 16 years and practiced in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court until 1993.

Kovind was born in Paraukh village in the Kanpur Dehat district, Uttar Pradesh. His father Maikulal was a landless Kori (a Dalit weaving community) who ran a small shop to support his family.

After graduating in law from a Kanpur college, Kovind went to Delhi to prepare for the civil services examination.

He passed this exam on his third attempt, but he did not join as he was selected for an allied service instead of IAS and thus started practicing law. He was Central Government Advocate in the Delhi High Court from 1977 to 1979.

Between 1977 & 1978, he also served as the personal assistant of Prime Minister of India Morarji Desai. He joined the BJP in 1991. He was the President of the BJP Dalit Morcha between 1998 and 2002 and the President of the All-India Koli Samaj. He also served as national spokesperson of the party.

He was elected and became a Rajya Sabha MP from the state of Uttar Pradesh in April 1994. He served a total of twelve years, two consecutive terms, until March 2006.

As a member of parliament, he served on the Parliamentary Committee for Welfare of Scheduled Castes/Tribes, Home Affairs, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Social Justice and Empowerment, Law and Justice. He also served as the chairman of the Rajya Sabha House Committee.

- Commerce graduate and LLB from Kanpur University, Kovind has been a successful lawyer

- He practised in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court for about 16 years until 1993

- 1994 Was elected to the Rajya Sabha from UP and served two consecutive terms

- 1998-2002 Served as the president of the BJP Dalit Morcha

- Served as the president of the All-India Koli Samaj

- Member of the board of governors of IIM-Kolkata

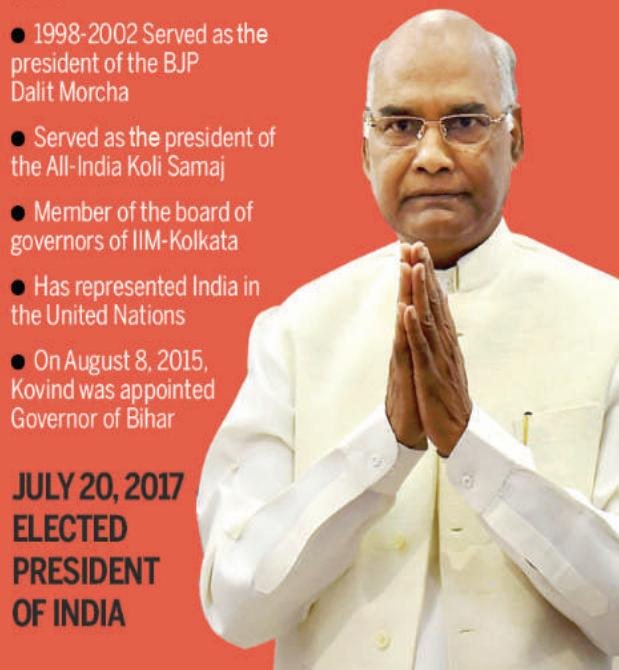
- Has represented India in the United Nations

- On August 8, 2015, Kovind was appointed Governor of Bihar

**JULY 20, 2017  
ELECTED  
PRESIDENT  
OF INDIA**

## RAM NATH KOVIND India's 14th President

BORN ON OCTOBER 1, 1945,  
AT A NONDESCRIPT VILLAGE  
IN KANPUR



On 8 August 2015, the President of India appointed Kovind as Governor of Bihar. On 16 August 2015, the acting Chief Justice of Patna High Court, Iqbal Ahmad Ansari, administered the oath to Kovind as the 35th Governor of Bihar.

After nomination for the post of 14th President of India, he resigned from his post as Governor of Bihar, and President of India Pranab Mukherjee accepted his resignation on 20 June 2017. He won election on 20 July 2017.

Ram Nath Kovind received 65.6% of the valid votes, against former Speaker of the Lok Sabha- Meira Kumar, the presidential candidate of the Opposition who received 34.35% of the total votes.

Retirement age of doctors in paramilitary forces enhanced to 65 years

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Yes Bank clinches new pact with Santander in UK

**WHO'S WHO**

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2.	Chairperson of Lok Sabha	Sumitra Mahajan
3.	Chairman of NITI Ayog	Narendra D Modi
4.	Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha	Gulam Nabi Azad
5.	Leader of House in Lok Sabha	Narendra D Modi
6.	Leader of Congress in Lok Sabha	Mallikarjun Kharge
7.	Chief Election Commissioner	Achal Kumar Jyoti
8.	Election Commissioner	Om Prakash Rawat
9.	Director General, ITBP	RK Pachnanda
10.	Chief Vigilance Commissioner	K V Chaudhary
11.	Foreign Secretary	Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
12.	Comptroller & Auditor General of India	Shashi Kant Sharma
13.	Chairman, National Commission for Backward Classes	Jus. Vangala Eswaraiah
14.	Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India	R. S Sharma
15.	CBI Director	Alok Kumar Verma
16.	Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes	Nand Kumar Sai
17.	Chairperson, National Commission for Minorities	Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi
18.	Chairman, UPSC	David R. Syiemleih
19.	Director General, National Investigation Agency	Sharad Kumar
20.	Chairman, UGC	Ved Prakash
21.	Chairman, Space Commission and ISRO	A S Kiran Kumar
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24.	Chairman, National Human Rights Commission	Justice H.L. Dattu
25.	Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner	Sailesh
26.	Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes	Sushil Chandra
27.	Chairman, Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India	T.S. Vijayan
28.	Chairman, Securities & Exchange Board of India	Ajay Tyagi
29.	Chairperson, State Bank of India	Arundhati Bhattacharya
30.	Chairman, LIC	V.K. Sharma
31.	India's permanent representative in UNO	Syed Akbaruddin
32.	Home Secretary	Rajiv Gauba
33.	Chairperson of National Commission for Women	Lalitha Kumaramanglam
34.	Chairman, 14th Finance Commission	Y. Venugopal Reddy
35.	Chairman, Competition Commission of India	Devendra Kumar Sikri
36.	Chairperson, Central Board of Film Certification	Pahlaj Nihalani
37.	President, ASSOCHAM	Sandeep Jajodia
38.	Chairman, NASSCOM	Raman Roy
39.	New Chief of Army Staff	Bipin Rawat
40.	Director General, RAW	Anil Dhasmana
41.	Chairperson, Children Film Society of India	Mukesh Khanna
42.	Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre	Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas
43.	President, CII	Shobana Kamineni
44.	President, FICCI	Pankaj R. Patel
45.	Chairman, National Knowledge Commission	Sam Pitroda
46.	National Security Advisor	Ajit Doval
47.	Chairperson, Prasar Bharati	Dr. A. Surya Prakash
48.	Chairman, Investment Commission	Ratan Tata
49.	Finance Secretary	Ashok Lavasa
50.	Chairman, Indian Banks Association	Rajeev Rishi

**Data as on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**
**Karnataka launched 'Elevate 100' scheme for start-ups**

### Ahmedabad is first Indian city to get UNESCO heritage tag, 10 July 2017

Ahmedabad became the first Indian city to get UNESCO World Heritage City tag.

The declaration of six-hundred year old Ahmedabad as a world heritage city by the UNESCO was hailed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP chief Amit Shah and Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

The decision was taken at UNESCO's World Heritage Committee Meeting at Krakow in Poland. The 600-year-old city has now joined the ranks of Paris, Vienna, Cairo, Brussels, Rome and Edinburgh and put India on the world heritage city map.

### Sulabh founder pens coffee table book on PM Modi's journey, 11 July 2017



Sulabh International founder Bindeshwar Pathak has compiled the journey of Prime Minister Narendra Modi into a coffee table book.

The book titled "The making of a legend" will be released by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on July 12.

The coffee table book has images and text depicting Modi's journey, his struggles and several initiatives taken by him since he took oath as country's prime minister in 2014.

### India to become largest milk producer in 2026: Report, 11 July 2017

According to a report by United Nations and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), India, projected to be the most populous country over the next decade, will be the

world's largest milk producer by 2026 and will account for the biggest increase in wheat production globally.

The OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2017-2026 said the world's population will increase from 7.3 to 8.2 billion over the course of the next decade with India and Sub-Saharan Africa accounting for 56 % of total population growth.

India's population will grow from 1.3 billion to 1.5 billion, an increase of almost 150 million. India will overtake China and is projected to be the most populous country in the world by 2026.

"Over the course of the outlook period alone, milk production in India will grow 49 %; in 2026, India will be the world's largest milk producer, with an output one-third above that of the second largest producer, the European Union," said the report by the UN and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

### India ranks 116 out of 157 nations on SDG index, 14 July 2017

According to the 'SDG Index and Dashboards Report', India is ranked 116 out of 157 nations on a global index that assesses the performance of countries towards achieving the ambitious sustainable development goals (SDGs). This report has been produced by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the Bertelsmann Stiftung.

The report shows that world leaders need to strengthen their joint efforts to realise the 17 global goals.

India is ranked 116th on the index with a score of 58.1, behind countries such as Nepal, Iran, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and China. Pakistan is ranked 122. Sweden leads the list, followed by Denmark and Finland. Among the G7 countries, only Germany and France can be found among the top ten performers. The United States ranks 42nd on the Index, while Russia and China rank 62nd and 71st respectively.



### IN THE RACE

#### The 2017 Sustainable Development Goals Index

Rank	Country	Score
1	Sweden	85.6
2	Denmark	84.2
3	Finland	84
4	Norway	83.9
5	Czech Republic	81.9
6	Germany	81.7
7	Austria	81.4
8	Switzerland	81.2
9	Slovenia	80.5
116	India	58.1

Source: SDG Index and Dashboards Report

US and South Korea conducted joint ballistic missile drill

### India has 2nd highest number of adults planning to migrate, 14 July 2017

India has the second highest number of adults planning to migrate to other countries with the US and the UK among the most favoured destinations, according to a report by the UN migration agency.



The UN migration agency, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), in its report Measuring Global Migration Potential 2010-2015, which analyses peoples migration intentions globally for the period 2010-2015, noted that globally 1.3 per cent of the adult population or 66 million people said they were planning to migrate permanently within the next 12 months.

The most popular destination for those planning to migrate is the US followed by the UK, Saudi Arabia, France, Canada, Germany and South Africa.

At 4.8 million people, India has the highest number of adults planning and preparing to migrate - 3.5 million people who are planning and 1.3 million who are preparing.

For Nigeria, the number stands at 5.1 million people, Congo 4.1 million, and China and Bangladesh at 2.7 million each.

The findings by IOM's Global Migration Data Centre (GMDAC) shows that less than half a per cent of adults worldwide or 23 million people are actively making preparations to migrate abroad. One in three adults surveyed plans to migrate to a developing country.

West Africa, South Asia and North Africa are the regions with the largest migration potential. The study is based on international survey data by the Gallup World Poll.

### With Support Of 73% Indians, PM Modi's Government Most Trusted in World: Report, 14 July 2017

The citizens of India trust their government and the country is "at the very top of the governmental confidence league", according to the latest report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).



The international organisation, which works with governments to understand their economic, social and

environmental changes, in its report said 73 per cent Indians have faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, the highest in the world.

The Canadian government headed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, which has the confidence of 62 per cent citizens, comes second followed by Turkey, which witnessed a failed coup attempt in 2016, with 58 per cent of the citizens placing their trust in President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government.

Greece, which had to bear the brunt of the Europe's migration crisis while struggling with a failing economy, multiple elections, is at the bottom of the ranking with 13 per cent of the people's confidence.

### Indians among top asylum-seekers, according to the International Migration Outlook 2017, 19 July 2017

According to the International Migration Outlook 2017 report on Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) member countries, Indians are among top asylum-seekers in other countries such as New Zealand, Australia, Finland, Japan, Latvia, Slovak Republic, United Kingdom and the United States of America.



According to the report on OECD member-nations, top asylum-seekers to New Zealand between 2012 and 2016 were from China, India, Fiji, and Iraq.

Among these, India and China were the largest source countries of asylum-seekers (11% and 9%), followed by Fiji (8%), Iraq (7%) and Pakistan (6%).

### Actor Kamal Haasan to be brand ambassador of "Tamil Thalaivas" 20 July 2017

Tamil film actor Kamal Haasan has been appointed brand ambassador of Pro Kabaddi League franchise 'Tamil Thalaivas', co-owned by India batting legend Sachin Tendulkar.



The team will make its debut in season five of PKL.

Haasan would launch the jersey of "Tamil Thalaivas" at an event. Tendulkar would be present at the function along with Telugu film stars Chiranjeevi, Allu Arjun and Ram Charan Teja.

SpaceX successfully launched heavy communications satellite Intelsat 35e

**Editorial Word**
**BOORISH**
**Pronunciation**

(boɔr'ɪsh)

Okay so let's deal with this one !

It is formed with the root word boor with a suffix ish.

While boor can be pronounced like "pour", door, "endure" and ish can be pronounced like shhhh..... so all together it is pronounced like pour+shhh... ...hence boorish and bob's your uncle ... isn't its pronunciation a piece of cake?

**Definitions :** Resembling or characteristics of a boor; rude and clumsy in behaviour.

Boorish behaviour, such as yelling for service in restaurants.

**Synonyms :** CHURLISH, LOUTISH, CLOWNISH

**Antonyms :** POLITE, SOPHISTICATED, MANNERLY, GENTLE

**Examples of BOORISH in a Sentence**

John described his workplace where lines were regularly crossed and **boorish** behaviour was tolerated.

The comedian's jokes were so **boorish** that the only ones left in the audience were those who were too drunk to take umbrage.

Even though the Commander was **boorish** with his men, he was always courteous to the female captives.

Ridan's **boorish** behaviour in front of the judge earned him a night in jail for contempt of court.

After annoying all the cocktail waitresses for two hours, the **boorish** drunkard was finally thrown out of the bar.

Whenever I find out that my **boorish** neighbour is going to have a cookout, I think up excuses to be away from home.

**Root Word**

BOOR (BARBARIAN (noun) + ISH (suffix)

**First Known Use of Boorish**

1562

**NEW AND TRICKY**

SUFFIX -	DESCRIPTION	PARTS OF SPEECH	MADE FROM	EXAMPLES
Ish (pronounced like -shhh)	Similar to something.	Adjective	Noun or Adjective	Redish, yellowish, fiendish, loutish

**Other Parts of Speech**
**Boorishly (adverb)**

**Antonyms :** rudely, impolitely, insolently

**Example Sentence**

Skipper was in a foul mood as usual, and after **boorishly** and audibly berating other sailors he started performing his arts.

**Boorishness (uncountable noun)**

**Antonyms :** courtesy, insolence, presumption

**Example Sentence**

Finding herself in difficulties owing to the **boorishness** of the people, he pointed to the peasants."

**Other Related Words With Same Suffix**

brutish(adj)-demonic	bearish(adj)-brief
blemish(noun)-flaw	rakish(adj)-charming/dashing
coltish(adj)-cheerful	dampish(adj)-soggy
faddish(adj)-fashionable	donnish(adj)-didactic
ravish(v)-enchant	garish(adj)-gaudy
impish(adj)-naughty	feverish(adj)-excited
knavish(adj)-dishonest	ghoulish(adj)-cruel
frumpish(adj)-boring	

**Test Yourself**

**Direction:** In each of the following sentences there is a blank space given. Below each five words have been denoted as (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). Find out which word can be filled up in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete

1. The \_\_\_\_ general was ruthless in battle and never gave in to feelings of pity for his enemies.  
A. knavish B. frumpish C. brutish  
D. garish E. donnish
2. Debra's wedding ring is free of the slightest \_\_\_\_ , which is why it cost James so much money.  
A. ravish B. blemish C. knavish  
D. ghoulish E. faddish
3. Rappers are known for wearing \_\_\_\_ accessories like giant gold chains.  
A. coltish B. bearish C. brutish  
D. garish E. dampish
4. It was such a \_\_\_\_ movie nobody liked it.  
A. frumpish B. knavish C. feverish  
D. garish E. ravish
5. Although the \_\_\_\_ pirate was wanted by several governments, he eluded arrest because of his popularity with the public.  
A. faddish B. ghoulish C. frumpish  
D. rakish E. dampish

**Answers**

1- (C) 2- (B) 3- (D) 4- (A) 5- (B)

**KEEP LEARNING...!**

Arunachal Pradesh celebrated 'Dree festival'



Marking the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India visited Israel from 4-6 July 2017 at the invitation of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel. This historic first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Israel solidified the enduring friendship between their peoples and raised the bilateral relationship to that of a strategic partnership.

Noting that they represent two cradles of civilizations that have nurtured their respective heritages over the centuries, the two leaders affirmed their intention to build a broad-based relationship that will realise the full potential of their association. In doing so, they recognized that throughout history, the Jewish Communities have always had a home in India and have been treated with warmth and respect.

Reviewing the development of the relationship after a quarter century of diplomatic ties, the two leaders agreed on initiatives and policies that would reflect the goals and aspirations of both nations and widen their collaborative endeavours in a broad range of areas. They visualized that the two countries will become close partners in development, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, defence and security.

Recognizing its centrality for development, India and Israel agreed to establish a "Strategic Partnership in Water and Agriculture". This will focus on water conservation, wastewater treatment and its reuse for agriculture, desalination, water utility reforms, and the cleaning of the Ganges and other rivers using advanced water technologies.

It will also include the reinforcement and expansion of the existing Centres of Excellence (COE) under the stewardship of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MASHAV) and the Ministry of Agriculture of India to promote commercially viable business models involving Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs); the provision of quality planting material; and the transfer of post-harvest technical know-how and market linkages involving the private sector through PPP, B2B & other models.

The two leaders also agreed on the establishment of a Joint Working Group to steer this Partnership. The two Prime Ministers noted the importance of realizing the full potential of bilateral trade and investment.

They tasked the India-Israel CEO Forum to come up with early recommendations in this regard. Both leaders underlined the need to boost bilateral cooperation in innovation and entrepreneurship and called for greater collaboration in the field of start-ups.

Recognizing the importance of facilitating movement of businessmen and women, India and Israel underlined their expectation that the granting of multiple entry visas to business people for up to five years will encourage greater economic and commercial exchanges.

The two Prime Ministers agreed that negotiations would be conducted on an agreement for the Protection of Investments in order to encourage bilateral investments from both sides.

The two Prime Ministers welcomed the conclusion of the Memorandum of Understanding for establishing the India-Israel Industrial R&D and Innovation Fund (I4F) by the Department of Science and Technology, India and the National Authority for Technological Innovation, Israel with a contribution of US\$ 20 million from each side.

This MoU will play a seminal role in enabling Indian and Israeli enterprises to undertake joint R&D projects leading to development of innovative technologies and products that have potential for commercial application.

Recognising the importance of fostering wide ranging knowledge-business partnership for industries, R&D institutions and government agencies from both countries, Israel warmly welcomed India's offer to be the "Partner Country" for the annual Technology Summit to be held in India in 2018.

Both leaders welcomed the ongoing cooperation between the Israel Space Agency (ISA) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). They expressed satisfaction over the signing of three MoUs and Plan of Cooperation in the areas of Cooperation in Atomic Clocks; GEO-LEO Optical Link; Academic collaboration and Electric propulsion for small satellites which would further enhance cooperation between the two countries.

They also encouraged the two Space Agencies to further enhance the growing relationship for mutual benefit. The two leaders acknowledged that the recent launching by ISRO of an Israeli nano satellite is an important milestone in this arena.

The Prime Ministers noted with satisfaction that both sides have agreed to upgrade their scientific and technological collaboration by supporting joint research and development projects in the cutting edge areas, including 'Big Data Analytics in Health Care'.

**External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has inaugurated Know India Programme (KIP) for NRI and PIO youth**

They directed the India-Israel Joint Committee on Science and Technology to explore the possibility of further advancement of scientific collaboration including setting up of Networked Centres of Research Excellence in the cutting edge areas of mutual strength and interest.

Reaffirming the importance of bilateral defence cooperation over the years, it was agreed that future developments in this sphere should focus on joint development of defence products, including transfer of technology from Israel, with a special emphasis on the 'Make in India' initiative.

India and Israel are committed to promote security and stability in cyberspace on both the governmental and private levels. The Prime Ministers emphasized the importance of enhanced dialogue between their national cyber authorities and expressed their commitment to expand and accelerate their cooperation in this sphere including laying a mutual roadmap for its implementation.

Both sides also recognise the value of enhancing and further institutionalising their broad-based cooperation on cyber issues through a Framework for cooperation in the area of cyber security. Recognizing that terrorism poses a grave threat to global peace and stability, the two Prime Ministers reiterated their strong commitment to combat it in all its forms and manifestations. They stressed that there can be no justification for acts of terror on any grounds whatsoever.

The leaders asserted that strong measures should be taken against terrorists, terror organizations, their networks and all those who encourage, support and finance terrorism, or provide sanctuary to terrorists and terror groups. They also underscored the need to ensure that terrorist organizations do not get access to any WMD or technologies. Both leaders also committed to cooperate for the early adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT).

Both leaders reaffirmed their commitments as envisaged in the agreement on cooperation on Homeland and Public Security and encouraged the various Working Groups to implement the agreement in an efficient and effective manner.

The two Prime Ministers underlined the importance of enhanced collaboration in the field of Higher Education and Research and agreed to promote this through relevant agreements and the Joint Research Grant Programme.

Noting the importance of growing people to people contacts between India and Israel, the two leaders agreed to facilitate the promotion of travel & tourism in both directions, including through the further enhancement of air links between India and Israel.

Appreciating the contribution of the Jewish community in India and Jews of Indian origin in Israel in bringing the two societies closer, Prime Minister Modi announced the

opening of an Indian Cultural Centre in Israel.

This was warmly welcomed by Prime Minister Netanyahu who expressed his deep respect for Indian culture and recalled Israel's strong support and sponsorship of PM Modi's initiative to promote the practice of Yoga by designating June 21 as International Yoga Day.

The two Prime Ministers recognized the contribution of Indian care-givers in Israel and expressed their intention to reach a mutually agreed-upon arrangement which will provide for their continued arrival in a regulated manner.

The two Prime Ministers discussed the developments pertaining to the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process.

They underlined the need for the establishment of a just and durable peace in the region.

They reaffirmed their support for an early negotiated solution between the sides based on mutual recognition and security arrangements.

**During the visit, the following Agreements were signed:**

1. MoU between the Department of Science & Technology, India and National Technological Innovation Authority, Israel for setting up of India-Israel Industrial R&D and Technological Innovation Fund (I4F).
2. MoU between the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation of the Republic of India and the Ministry of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Resources of the State of Israel on National Campaign for Water Conservation in India
3. MoU between U.P. Jal Nigam, Government of Uttar Pradesh, of the Republic of India and the Ministry of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Resources of the State of Israel on State Water Utility Reform in India
4. India-Israel Development Cooperation - Three Year Work Program in Agriculture 2018-2020
5. Plan of Cooperation Between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Israel Space Agency (ISA) regarding cooperation in Atomic Clocks
6. MoU between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Israel Space Agency (ISA) regarding cooperation in GEO-LEO Optical Link
7. MoU between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Israel Space Agency (ISA) regarding cooperation in Electric Propulsion for Small Satellites.

Prime Minister Modi thanked the people and Government of Israel for their gracious hospitality and extended a warm invitation to Prime Minister Netanyahu to visit India at a mutually convenient time. Prime Minister Netanyahu accepted the invitation.

**India's Energy Resources Institute (TERI) ranked second among world's climate think tanks**



ISRO has successfully launched GSAT-17 communication Satellite onboard the Ariane-5 launch vehicle from the Guiana Space Center at French Guiana on June 28.

GSAT-17 will be the ISRO's third satellite that is launched within a span of three months.

#### **Salient Highlights**

- ❖ The 3,477-kg GSAT 17 communication satellite will be placed in the geostationary orbit and will have a mission life of 15 years.
- ❖ The satellite will be an addition to the current fleet of 17 Indian communication satellites that are already providing services from space.
- ❖ Apart from providing communication services, the satellite will provide meteorological and satellite-based data to help rescue services which were earlier provided by geostationary satellites called Indian National Satellite System (INSAT).
- ❖ GSAT-17 will provide continuity of services of operational satellites in C, extended C and S bands. Once launched, ISRO's Master Control Facility at Hassan in Karnataka and Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh will take over and place the satellite in geostationary orbit.

- ❖ GSAT-17 was designed and assembled at the ISRO Satellite Centre in Bengaluru.
- ❖ In addition, GSAT-17 will also launch communication satellite Hellas Sat 3-Inmarsat.
- ❖ Hellas Sat 3 will provide directly to home television and telecom services across Europe, West Asia and South Africa.
- ❖ Inmarsat is set to provide in-flight Internet facilities for European airlines.

**Launch Mass:** 3477 kg

**Mission Life:** 15 years

**Launcher:** Ariane-5 VA-238

**Type of Satellite:** Communication

**Manufacturer:** ISRO

**Owner:** ISRO

**Application:** Communication

**Orbit Type:** GTO

In the coming days, orbit raising manoeuvres will be performed to place GSAT-17 satellite in the Geostationary Orbit (36,000 km above the equator) by using the satellite's propulsion system in steps.

#### **Launch Vehicle**

As ISRO is yet to have a launcher that is capable of lifting payloads above 2,000 kg.

ISRO has just started testing the GSLV-Mark III for this purpose.

GSAT-17 will be the 21st Indian launch for the Arianespace. ISRO's upcoming GSAT- 11 which will weigh more than 5,000 kg will also be launched by Arianespace.

#### **About Arianespace:**

Arianespace SA is a multinational company founded in 1980 as the world's first commercial launch service provider.

Arianespace uses the Guiana Space Center in French Guiana as its main launch site.

It has its headquarters in Courcouronnes, Essonne, France.



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**The 10th India-Jordan Morocco Trade and Economic Joint Committee (TEJC) Meeting held in New Delhi**



World Population Day, which seeks to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, was established by the then-Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989, an outgrowth of the interest generated by the Day of Five Billion, which was observed on 11 July 1987.

By resolution 45/216 of December 1990, the United Nations General Assembly decided to continue observing World Population Day to enhance awareness of population issues, including their relations to the environment and development. The Day was first marked on 11 July 1990 in more than 90 countries. Since then, a number of UNFPA country offices and other organizations and institutions commemorate World Population Day, in partnership with governments and civil society.

#### Observed on: 11 July

**This year's Theme:** Family Planning- Empowering People, Developing Nations

As the world celebrates World Population Day, India reflects on its population woes. The second most populous country in the world is set to surpass China as the most populous country by 2024.

According to estimates, the drop in India's population will only come around 2050.

Although India can boast of the world's largest young workforce and the economic growth potential therein, the problems are huge and daunting.

According to the latest data of April 2015 from World Bank, India's population stands at 1.31 billion.

It is only behind China which has a population of 1.37 billion according to the same data. "Mission Parivar Vikas will focus on 146 high fertility districts in 7 states with high TFR.

Under this, specific targeted initiatives shall be taken for population stabilisation through better services delivery".

This was stated by J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare at a function organised by Jansankhya Sthirita Kosh (JSK) to mark the World Population Day.

Nadda stated that Mission Parivar Vikas is a new initiative conceived by the Ministry with a strategic focus on improving access through provision of services, promotional schemes, commodity security, capacity building, enabling environment and intensive monitoring.

Nadda congratulated the team for undertaking micro-planning for these districts and developing need-based programmes to address TFR.

The Health Minister also advised the officials to undertake half yearly review of the programme and correlate the achievements with time to gauge whether the programme is moving in the right direction or not.

He stated that "We have enhanced the basket of contraceptive choices to meet the changing needs of people and have taken steps to ensure quality assured services and commodities are delivered to the last-mile consumers in both rural and urban areas."

During the event, J P Nadda introduced the new injectable in the public health system under the "Antara" program and launched a new software – Family Planning Logistics Management Information System (FP-LMIS) – designed to provide robust information on the demand and distribution of contraceptives to health facilities and ASHAs to strengthen supply chain management.

As a part of the new communications campaign linked to the rollout, the Health Minister also launched a new consumer friendly website on family planning and a 52 week radio show for couples to discuss issues related to marriage and family planning, which will be aired across the country.

The Health Minister further highlighted the life cycle approach of the Ministry and stated that a continuum of care approach has been adopted by the Ministry with the articulation of 'Strategic approach to Reproductive Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent health (RMNCH+A), bringing focus on all the life stages.

Anupriya Patel, Minister of State (HFW), said that population dynamics have a significant influence on sustainable development.

The changes in population growth rates and age structures are closely linked to national and global developmental challenges and their solutions.

She further stated that the issue of population stabilization is so gigantic in its proportion that the government alone cannot address the issue and thus the collective involvement of NGOs, private sector and corporate sector shall play a pivotal role.

J P Nadda also gave away awards to the winners of the painting competition organised by Jansankhya Sthirita Kosh to create awareness regarding family stabilisation among young children.

Pradeep Kumar Rawat appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Indonesia

**What is PCA actually?**

PCA norms allow the regulator to place certain restrictions such as halting branch expansion and stopping dividend payment.

It can even cap a bank's lending limit to one entity or sector. Other corrective actions that can be imposed on banks include special audit, restructuring operations and activation of the recovery plan.

Banks' promoters can be asked to bring in new management, too.

The RBI can also supersede the bank's board, under PCA.

The provisions of the revised PCA framework effective April 1, 2017, based on the financials of the banks for the year ended March 31, 2017.

The framework will be reviewed after three years.

**When is PCA invoked?**

The PCA is invoked when certain risk thresholds are breached.

There are three risk thresholds which are based on certain levels of asset quality, profitability, capital and the like.

The third such threshold, which is maximum tolerance limit, sets net NPA at over 12 per cent and negative return on assets for four consecutive years.

**Specifications      Mandatory actions**

Risk Threshold 1      Restriction on dividend distribution/remittance of profits.

Promoters/owners/parent in the case of foreign banks to bring in capital

Risk Threshold 2      In addition to mandatory actions of Threshold 1,

Restriction on branch expansion; domestic and/or overseas

Higher provisions as part of the coverage regime

Risk Threshold 3      In addition to mandatory actions of Threshold 1,

Restriction on branch expansion; domestic and/or overseas

Restriction on management compensation and directors' fees, as applicable

Common menu for selection of discretionary corrective actions

**1. Special Supervisory interactions**

Special Supervisory Monitoring Meetings (SSMMs) at quarterly or other identified frequency

Special inspections/targeted scrutiny of the bank

Special audit of the bank

**2. Strategy related actions**

RBI to advise the bank's Board to:

Activate the Recovery Plan that has been duly approved by the supervisor

Undertake a detailed review of business model in terms of sustainability of the business model, profitability of business lines and activities, medium and long term viability, balance sheet projections, etc.

Review short term strategy focusing on addressing immediate concerns

Review medium term business plans, identify achievable targets and set concrete milestones for progress and achievement

Review all business lines to identify scope for enhancement/ contraction

Undertake business process reengineering as appropriate

Undertake restructuring of operations as appropriate

**3. Governance related actions**

RBI to actively engage with the bank's Board on various aspects as considered appropriate

RBI to recommend to owners (Government/ promoters/ parent of foreign bank branch) to bring in new management/ Board

RBI to remove managerial persons under Section 36AA of the BR Act 1949 as applicable

RBI to supersede the Board under Section 36ACA of the BR Act 1949/ recommend supersession of the Board as applicable

Impose restrictions on directors' or management compensation, as applicable.

**4. Capital related actions**

Detailed Board level review of capital planning

Submission of plans and proposals for raising additional capital

Requiring the bank to bolster reserves through retained profits

Restriction on investment in subsidiaries/associates

Restriction in expansion of high risk-weighted assets to conserve capital

Reduction in exposure to high risk sectors to conserve capital

Restrictions on increasing stake in subsidiaries and other group companies

**5. Credit risk related actions**

- ❖ Preparation of time bound plan and commitment for reduction of stock of NPAs
- ❖ Preparation of and commitment to plan for containing generation of fresh NPAs
- ❖ Strengthening of loan review mechanism
- ❖ Restrictions on/ reduction in credit expansion for borrowers below certain rating grades
- ❖ Reduction in risk assets
- ❖ Restrictions on/ reduction in credit expansion to unrated borrowers
- ❖ Reduction in unsecured exposures
- ❖ Reduction in loan concentrations; in identified sectors, industries or borrowers
- ❖ Sale of assets
- ❖ Action plan for recovery of assets through identification of areas (geography wise, industry segment wise, borrower wise, etc.) and setting up of dedicated Recovery Task Forces, Adalats, etc.

**6. Market risk related actions**

- ❖ Restrictions on/reduction in borrowings from the interbank market
- ❖ Restrictions on accessing/ renewing wholesale deposits/ costly deposits/ certificates of deposits
- ❖ Restrictions on derivative activities, derivatives that permit collateral substitution
- ❖ Restriction on excess maintenance of collateral held that could contractually be called any time by the counterparty

**7. HR related actions**

- ❖ Restriction on staff expansion
- ❖ Review of specialized training needs of existing staff

**8. Profitability related actions**

- ❖ Restrictions on capital expenditure, other than for technological upgradation within Board approved limits

**9. Operations related actions**

- ❖ Restrictions on branch expansion plans; domestic or overseas
- ❖ Reduction in business at overseas branches/ subsidiaries/ in other entities
- ❖ Restrictions on entering into new lines of business
- ❖ Reduction in leverage through reduction in non-fund based business
- ❖ Reduction in risky assets
- ❖ Restrictions on non-credit asset creation
- ❖ Restrictions in undertaking businesses as specified.

**Here are the implications that could arise from this move:-**

**Many more to follow**

Clearly, the rising NPAs, lower credit and decreasing profitability have put PSBs in a harsh spot.

There are half a dozen PSBs that fall under the PAC.

These banks will have to do restricted lending in order to conserve its capital, which is drying up very fast because of NPA provisioning.

Many will focus on fee-based income or transaction banking where capital is not required.

It is not a good news as PSBs control two third of the banking in terms of advances and deposits.

Government is on pressure to pump more and more capital

The act of RBI bringing PAC will jolt these PSBs credit rating and also affect their ability to raise capital from the market.

The government has limited resources from the budget whom it should provide capital.

In the last two years, the government had allocated Rs 25 crore each and the capital for the next two year is pegged at Rs 10,000 crore each.

Though finance minister Arun Jaitley has said the government will infuse more if required, there is no announcement so far.

The divestment route is also not the option as the valuations of PSBs is at rock bottom.

**Accumulations and Mergers**

Most of the PSBs that are falling under PAC are small and mid -sized banks with the exception of IDBI Bank.

These banks are now a good candidate for the merger as they government is very keen on pushing consolidation amongst the PSBs.

There has been hindrance in the past but the current NDA government looks more serious.

The SBI merger with associate banks was a bold one as five banks of the size of private sector ICICI Bank were merged with the parent.

**Private sector to gain market share**

The current stalemate at the PSBs is offering a big opportunity for private sector to gain market share in retail as well as corporate lending.

The private sector banks have a very comfortable capital adequacy ratio, which offers a big opportunity to them to lend.

In fact, the market share of private banks remained at 14-15 per cent in the advances and deposits for a long time, but now many of these banks have the scale and also the products to expand in both retail and corporate lending.

Sanjeev Goenka re-elected as IIT Kharagpur President

The 2017 Wimbledon Championships is a Grand Slam tennis tournament that took place at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom.

The main draw matches commenced on 3 July 2017 and concluded on 16 July 2017.

The 2017 tournament was the 131st edition of the championships, the 50th in the Open Era and the third Grand Slam tournament of the year.

It is played on grass courts, organised by the All England Lawn Tennis Club and the International Tennis Federation

**Date** : 3–16 July

**Edition** : 131st

**Category** : Grand Slam (ITF)

**Prize money** : £31,600,000

**Surface** : Grass

**Venue** : All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

Category	Winner	Runner up
Men's Singles	Roger Federer (Switzerland)	Marincilic (Croatia)
Women's Single	Garbine Muguruza (Spain)	Venus Williams (USA)
Men's Doubles	Lukasz Kubot (Poland) & Marcelo Melo (Brazil)	Oliver Marach (Austria) & Mate Pavic (Croatia)
Women's Doubles	Ekaterina Makarova (Russia) & Elena Vesnina (Russia)	Hao-Ching Chan (Taiwan) and Monica Niculescu (Romania)
Mixed Doubles	Jamie Murray (Scotland) & Martina Hingis (Switzerland)	Heather Watson (UK) & Henri Kontinen (Finland)




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Afghanistan batsman Shafiqullah Shafiq made a double century in T20 match

**Q1.** What is the name of the Indian origin boy in the U.K. who has secured the top possible score of 162 on a Mensa IQ Test?

- 1) Priti Patel
- 2) Arnav Sharma
- 3) Anurag Kaushal
- 4) Mudit Mathur
- 5) Shahbaz Khan

**Q2.** According to the recent ICC Test rankings, which team is on top position?

- 1) South Africa
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) Australia
- 4) India
- 5) Pakistan

**Q3.** According to the recent ICC ODI rankings, which team is on top position?

- 1) South Africa
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) Australia
- 4) India
- 5) Pakistan

**Q4.** According to the recent ICC T20I rankings, which team is on top position?

- 1) South Africa
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) Australia
- 4) India
- 5) Pakistan

**Q5.** According to the recent F1 standings, who is on the top position?

- 1) Lewis Hamilton
- 2) Valtteri Bottas
- 3) Sebastian Vettel
- 4) Daniel Ricciardo
- 5) Kimi Raikkonen

**Q6.** According to the recent ATP rankings, who is on top position?

- 1) Roger Federer
- 2) Novak Djokovich
- 3) Stan Wawrinka
- 4) Rafael Nadal
- 5) Andy Murray

**Q7.** According to the recent WTA rankings, who is on top position?

- 1) Angelique Kerber
- 2) Simona Halep
- 3) Karolina Pliskova
- 4) Serena Williams
- 5) Elina Svitolina

**Q8.** According to World Badminton Federation, who is on top position in men's category?

- 1) K Srikanth
- 2) Son Wan Ho
- 3) Sai Praneeth
- 4) Lee Chong Wei
- 5) Viktor Axelson

**Q9.** According to World Badminton Federation, who is on top position in women's category?

- 1) Saina Nehwal
- 2) Rituparna Das
- 3) P.V.Sindhu
- 4) Tai Tzu Ying
- 5) Akane Yamaguchi

**Q10.** Who is the new president of Badminton Association of India?

- 1) Praful Patel
- 2) Akhilesh Das Gupta
- 3) Himant Biswa Sarma
- 4) Shahshank Manohar
- 5) Vinod Rai

**Q11.** In context to Football, what does VAR stands for?

- 1) Virtual Assistant Review
- 2) Visual Assistant Review
- 3) Video Assistant Referee
- 4) Virtual Action Review
- 5) Visual Action Review

**Q12.** Who has won the Ivory Coast International Badminton Tournament 2017 in women's category at Abidjan?

- 1) Ritika Thaker
- 2) Simran Singh
- 3) Zainab Momoh
- 4) Peace Orji
- 5) Shaina Ali

**Q13.** Who became the first Indian to win a race in the FIA European F3 championship 2017?

- 1) Narain Karthikeyan
- 2) Arjun Maini
- 3) Ashwin Sunder
- 4) Manish Chaddha
- 5) Jehan Daruvala

**Q14.** Name the only Indian Umpire in the ICC Elite Panel for the 2017-18 season?

- 1) Anil Choudhary
- 2) S Ravi
- 3) Suresh Shastri
- 4) Asad Rauf
- 5) Sudhir Asnani

**Q15.** Which of the following entity has entered into an agreement with the gold jewellers across the country to enable buyers to redeem their digital gold in the form of jewellery?

- 1) MobiKwik
- 2) Freecharge
- 3) Airtel Money
- 4) Paytm
- 5) M-pesa

**Q16.** Maccabiah Games are also known as-

- 1) Australian Olympics
- 2) Canadian Olympics
- 3) Jewish Olympics
- 4) Yunani Olympics
- 5) German Olympics

**Q17.** Which of the following has won the FIFA Confederation Cup 2017?

- 1) Germany
- 2) France
- 3) Argentina
- 4) Brazil
- 5) Chile

**Q18.** What is the name of the India's first de-mutualised online multi-commodity exchange?

- 1) Multi Commodity Exchange(MCX)
- 2) Indian Commodity Exchange(ICEX)
- 3) National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)
- 4) Universal Commodity Exchange(UCX)
- 5) National Multi Commodity Exchange of India(NMCE)

A.R. Rahman shortlisted for World Soundtrack Award

**Q19.** Recently who has signed a \$220 million loan agreement with Government of India to improve connectivity, transport efficiency and safety on the state Highways of Rajasthan?

- 1) World Bank 2) ADB
- 3) AIIB 4) NDB
- 5) IMF

**Q20.** Name the newly appointed chairman of Tata Global Beverages Ltd.(TGBL)?

- 1) Harish Bhat
- 2) Gopalkrishnan
- 3) Ishaat Hussain
- 4) N. Chandrasekaran
- 5) Rajesh Gopinathan

**Q21.** Recently with whom India has signed seven agreements in the field of water, agriculture, space, including a \$40 million joint fund for R&D in Innovation?

- 1) Israel 2) Palestine
- 3) Spain 4) Russia
- 5) Vietnam

**Q22.** 'Nasr' is a short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile of which country?

- 1) Bangladesh 2) Pakistan
- 3) India 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) Israel

**Q23.** Recently who has been appointed as the DGP of Himachal Pradesh?

- 1) Sanjay Kumar
- 2) Javed Ahmed
- 3) Somesh Goyal
- 4) P.K.Thakur
- 5) Abhayanand

**Q24.** Which telecom major is going to sell its controlling stake in Infratel in an effort to pare over \$14 Billion of debt?

- 1) Vodafone India
- 2) Idea
- 3) Reliance
- 4) Bharti Airtel
- 5) Telenor

**Q25.** With which bank Indian mobile operating system, Indus OS

is launching the first OS-integrated United Payments Interface(UPI) platform?

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) Axis Bank
- 4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 5) Yes Bank

**Q26.** With which country Airbus has signed an agreement worth \$23 Billion to sell 140 aircrafts?

- 1) China 2) Germany
- 3) USA 4) France
- 5) Turkey

**Q27.** Recently Wipro Infrastructure Engineering (WIN) and Israel Aerospace Industries(IAI) have entered into a strategic partnership for manufacturing composite aero structure parts and assemblies in-

- 1) Pune 2) Bengaluru
- 3) Gandhinagar 4) Surat
- 5) Noida

**Q28.** Who has been appointed by Facebook as vice-president of communications for its multiple platforms?

- 1) Adam Smith
- 2) Rachel Whetstone
- 3) Julia Johnson
- 4) Caryn Marooney
- 5) John Key

**Q29.** Recently with whom European Union has agreed "in principle" on a free trade deal that will affect an overwhelming majority of commerce between two economies?

- 1) China 2) India
- 3) USA 4) Japan
- 5) France

**Q30.** Which among the following has launched a voice assistant speaker named "Tmall Genie" that will perform tasks by voice commands?

- 1) Amazon 2) Google
- 3) Apple 4) Microsoft
- 5) Alibaba

**Q31.** Who among the following has been resigned from the position of Indian team's coach after ICC Champions Trophy 2017?

- 1) Virendra Sehwag
- 2) Anil Kumble
- 3) Kapil Dev
- 4) Saurav Ganguly
- 5) Rahul Dravid

**Q32.** With which country Mahindra Aero-structures has signed a MoU to collaborate on the production of aerostructure parts and assemblies?

- 1) France 2) USA
- 3) Russia 4) Israel
- 5) Vietnam

**Q33.** Who has been appointed as the new Home secretary in the Ministry of Finance?

- 1) Rajiv Gauba
- 2) Subhash Garg
- 3) Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- 4) P.K.Pujari
- 5) N.K.Sinha

**Q34.** Travis Kalanick, who resigns from its CEO post belongs to which company?

- 1) Ola 2) Facebook
- 3) Uber 4) Flipkart
- 5) Snapdeal

**Q35.** Who is the chairman & managing director of Bharat Dynamics Limited?

- 1) Ashok Kumar Gupta
- 2) Shekhar Mittal
- 3) V K Saxena
- 4) L V Sarat Babu
- 5) V Udaya Bhaskar

**Q36.** Who among the following is not permitted to deposit old notes with RBI till July?

- 1) Banks
- 2) Post Offices
- 3) Central Cooperative Banks
- 4) District Cooperative Banks
- 5) Individual Persons

**Q37.** Daniel Day-Lewis is a famous-

- 1) Socialist 2) Journalist
- 3) Actor 4) Author
- 5) Swimmer

Tesla will setup the world's largest lithium-ion battery

**Q38.** Which city became the first city in the country to have fuel delivered to one's doorstep just like milk and newspapers?

- 1) Bengaluru 2) Pune
- 3) Mumbai 4) Chennai
- 5) Indore

**Q39.** What is the currency of Saudi Arabia?

- 1) Rial 2) Riyal
- 3) Dinar 4) Lira
- 5) Dirham

**Q40.** Who became major sponsor of the International Olympic Committee till 2024?

- 1) Coca-Cola 2) Samsung
- 3) Alibaba 4) Intel
- 5) Nokia

**Q41.** "Lone Fox Dancing- My Autobiography", is a book written by whom?

- 1) J.K.Rowling 2)Vikram Seth
- 3)Arundhati Roy 4) Ruskin Bond
- 5) Salman Rushdie

**Q42.** Who has became the world's youngest to scale the 18000 ft kanchenjunga base camp in Sikkim?

- 1) Vijaylakshmi Tamang
- 2) Suryassangyini
- 3) Alka Gupta
- 4) Manassamgyini
- 5) Meera Nair

**Q43.** Recently how many satellites were launched by ISRO in a single launch?

- 1) 31 2) 30
- 3) 29 4) 28
- 5) 27

**Q44.** What is the name of the Indian Satellite which was recently launched by ISRO?

- 1) Cartosat-1
- 2) Resourcesat-1
- 3) Cartosat-2
- 4) Resourcesat-2
- 5) IMA-1

**Q45.** Recently how many foreign satellites were launched by ISRO in a single launch?

- 1) 31 2) 30
- 3) 29 4) 28
- 5) 27

**Q46.** Satellite from how many countries were sent along with the recent launch of Cartosat-2 series by ISRO?

- 1) 6 2) 8
- 3) 10 4) 12
- 5) 14

**Q47.** Recently which New Zealand's player has retired from international cricket?

- 1) Luke Ronchi
- 2) Kane Williamson
- 3) Ross Taylor
- 4) Corey Anderson
- 5) Trent Boult

**Q48.** Who is the CEO of Tata Power?

- 1) Rajesh Gopinathan
- 2) N Chandrasekaran
- 3) Anil Kumar Sardana
- 4) Ishaat Hussain
- 5) K C Tyagi

**Q49.** Recently with whom India has signed a MoU on cooperation in the field of public administration and governance reforms?

- 1) Spain 2) Turkey
- 3) Vietnam 4) France
- 5) Portugal

**Q50.** Recently with whom India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the textiles, clothing and fashion sectors?

- 1) Vietnam 2) Portugal
- 3) Australia 4) Spain
- 5) Russia

**Q51.** With the launch of Cartosat-2 satellite, the total number of satellite being used for military purpose in India has gone up to-

- 1) 11 2) 13
- 3) 15 4) 17
- 5) 19

**Q52.** Who among the following has won the Australian Open 2017 title?

- 1) Parupalli Kashyap
- 2) Chetan Anand
- 3) Syed Modi
- 4) Kidambi Srikanth
- 5) Anup Sridher

**Q53.** Recently who was crowned fbb Colors Femina Miss India World 2017?

- 1) Manushi Chhillar
- 2) Sana Dua
- 3) Priyanka Kumari
- 4) Komal Rana
- 5) Urvashi Rautela

**Q54.** Which of the following tax will not be subsumed under GST after its rollout?

- 1) Excise Duty
- 2) Service Tax
- 3) Corporate Tax
- 4) Luxury Tax
- 5) Entertainment Tax

**Q55.** The Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2017 won by-

- 1) Sebastian Vettel
- 2) Lewis Hamilton
- 3) Max Verstappen
- 4) Nico Roseberg
- 5) Daniel Ricciardo

**Q56.** Who will be conferred with "Best Sports person of the year Award" by the Sports Journalists Federation of India?

- 1) Dipa Karmarkar
- 2) Sakshi Malik
- 3) Jitu Rai
- 4) Srikanth Kidambi
- 5) P.V.Sindhu

**Q57.** The Dutch Grand Prix 2017 won by-

- 1) Sebastian Vettel
- 2) Lewis Hamilton
- 3) Valentino Rossi
- 4) Nico Roseberg
- 5) Daniel Ricciardo

**Q58.** Recently Government has cleared a proposal for NCR's second airport to be built in-

- 1) Jawar 2) Palam
- 3) Ghaziabad 4) Okhla
- 5) Dwarka

**Q59.** Who has been announced to work as the new MD and CEO of IDFC Bank?

- 1) Vikram Limaye
- 2) Rajiv Rishi
- 3) Melvin Rego
- 4) Sunil Kakar
- 5) Mahesh Kumar Jain

**Q60.** Who has won the women's singles title at the World Super Series Australian Open tournament?

- 1) Akane Yamaguchi
- 2) Nozomi Okuhara
- 3) P.V.Sindhu
- 4) Saina Nehwal
- 5) Jwala Gutta

**Q61.** According to the recent announcement by RBI which denomination of currency notes will soon be available in the market?

- 1) 25
- 2) 150
- 3) 200
- 4) 250
- 5) 300

**Q62.** Which of the following scheme became the highest saver for the government in the year 2016-17?

- 1) MGNREGA
- 2) PAHAL
- 3) SWAYAM
- 4) MUDRA
- 5) SWAVALAMBAN

**Q63.** Under which amendment of Constitution Bill 2014, The Goods and Services Tax(GST) is defined?

- 1) 114
- 2) 116
- 3) 118
- 4) 120
- 5) 122

**Q64.** The Goods and Services Tax(GST) council was constituted on which date?

- 1) 6 May 2015
- 2) 12 Sept 2016
- 3) 28 Sept 2016
- 4) 25 Oct 2016
- 5) 1 April 2017

**Q65.** How much amount was approved by cabinet in order to

set up GST system by Central Board for Excise and Customs?

- 1) 5500 Crore
- 2) 4203 Crore
- 3) 3300 Crore
- 4) 2256 Crore
- 5) 1297 Crore

**Q66.** Which country has launched its biggest new generation destroyer weighing 10,000 tonnes?

- 1) India
- 2) France
- 3) China
- 4) Russia
- 5) Japan

**Q67.** The Sauni irrigation project was recently inaugurated in which state?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Assam
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Uttarakhand

**Q68.** "Ease of Doing Business" report is published by whom?

- 1) WHO
- 2) ADB
- 3) ILO
- 4) IMF
- 5) World Bank

**Q69.** State Bank of India has launched \_\_\_ to boost home loans.

- 1) SBI Homes
- 2) SBI Reality
- 3) SBI Reals
- 4) SBI Loans
- 5) SBI Easy

**Q70.** Who is the current Prime Minister of Bhutan?

- 1) Khandu Wangchuk
- 2) Kinzang Dorji
- 3) Jigme Thinley
- 4) Sonam Tobgye
- 5) Tshering Tobgay

**Q71.** Name the only Indian who has been placed in top 10 list of World Badminton Rankings in Men's Category?

- 1) B.Sai Praneeth
- 2) Ajay Jayaram
- 3) H.S.Prannoy
- 4) Anand Khare
- 5) K.Srikanth

**Q72.** Name the only Indian who has been placed in top 10 list of World Badminton Rankings in Women's Category?

- 1) Saina Nehwal
- 2) Sania Mirza
- 3) Kanika Vaidya
- 4) P.V.Sindhu
- 5) Madhumita Bisht

**Q73.** What is the erstwhile of Air India?

- 1) Mittal Airlines
- 2) British Airlines
- 3) Tata Airlines
- 4) Birla Airlines
- 5) None of These

**Q74.** What is the name of the heaviest satellite launched by ISRO till now?

- 1) GSAT-15
- 2) GSAT-17
- 3) GSAT-19
- 4) GSAT-21
- 5) GSAT-23

**Q75.** Which type of satellite is GSAT-17?

- 1) Communication
- 2) Weather forecast
- 3) Navigational
- 4) Defence
- 5) None of these

**Q76.** World's first commercial launch service provider 'Arianespace' belongs to which country?

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) Australia
- 3) Russia
- 4) USA
- 5) France

**Q77.** After the implementation of GST on 1 July 2017, the new rate that is to be superimposed on Gold Jewellery is-

- 1) Not applicable
- 2) 5 %
- 3) 12 %
- 4) 14 %
- 5) 18 %

**Q78.** Who has approved a 10 Billion support for infrastructure building and immediate development need of less developed states of India?

- 1) World Bank
- 2) AIIB
- 3) ADB
- 4) NDB
- 5) IMF

Siemens opened its first digital factory in India

**Q79.** According to the Asian Development Bank, what is India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal?

- 1) 7.6 %
- 2) 7.4 %
- 3) 7.2 %
- 4) 7.0 %
- 5) 6.8 %

**Q80.** Who has been conferred with the prestigious Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report Heroes Award 2017 by the US state department for his fight against human trafficking in India belongs to which state?

- 1) Nisha Dutt
- 2) Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat
- 3) Ramamani Iyengar
- 4) Bhupen Hazarika
- 5) None of these

**Q81.** Who is going to head the Atal Innovation Fund under NITI Aayog by Government?

- 1) E Shreedharan
- 2) Dinesh Pallav
- 3) Ramanathan Ramanan
- 4) Ashok Mudgal
- 5) Arvind Gupta

**Q82.** Recently PM Modi inaugurated the Mass Rapid Transport in-

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

**Q83.** Which country will host the third annual meeting of the China-initiated Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in 2018?

- 1) China
- 2) India
- 3) Japan
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) Indonesia

**Q84.** Helmut Kohl hailed from which country?

- 1) Spain
- 2) Uruguay
- 3) Argentina
- 4) England
- 5) Germany

**Q85.** Recently who has been added as the new member of Asian

Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?

- 1) Argentina
- 2) Madagascar
- 3) Tonga
- 4) All of the above
- 5) None of these

**Q86.** What is the threshold limit decided by the Government up to which Aadhar Card is mandatory?

- 1) 10000
- 2) 25000
- 3) 50000
- 4) 100000
- 5) 500000

**Q87.** How many medals were bagged by India in the recently concluded Asian Junior Wrestling championship in Taiwan?

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4
- 5) 5

**Q88.** Who received the Frost & Sullivan India Digital Transformation Award 2017 for its SIP Trunking service in the "New Products and Services category"?

- 1) Reliance Communications
- 2) Bharti Airtel
- 3) Idea
- 4) Telenor India
- 5) Dish Tv

**Q89.** The famous John Avildsen is related to-

- 1) Medical
- 2) Sports
- 3) Politics
- 4) Cinema
- 5) Journalism

**Q90.** Recently which country has ratified Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information(AEOI) with India and 40 other countries?

- 1) Switzerland
- 2) France
- 3) Israel
- 4) Denmark
- 5) Norway

**Q91.** The Indonesia Open men's singles title 2017 is won by which country?

- 1) India
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Japan
- 4) China
- 5) Malaysia

**Q92.** Where is the headquarters of Ramakrishna Math situated?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

**Q93.** The ICC Champions Trophy 2017 is won by-

- 1) India
- 2) South Africa
- 3) Australia
- 4) Windies
- 5) Pakistan

**Q94.** Which of the following team successfully qualified in the semifinals after defeating Pakistan in the Hockey World League 2017?

- 1) Netherlands
- 2) Argentina
- 3) India
- 4) Germany
- 5) Canada

**Q95.** Who has been named the Best Actor (Male) for his performance in the Tamil film "Irudhi Suttru" at the Filmfare Awards South 2017?

- 1) Rana Daggubati
- 2) R Madhavan
- 3) Allu Arjun
- 4) Ramcharan
- 5) Mahesh Babu

**Q96.** Who laid the foundation stone of a Super Specialty Hospital of BRS Health & Research Institute at Udupi, Karnataka?

- 1) Pranab Mukherjee
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) J.P.Nadda
- 4) Siddaramaiah
- 5) Vajubhai Rudabhai Wala

**Q97.** Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (Independent charge) for Culture & Tourism launched the implementation of the "National Mission on Cultural Mapping of India" in-

1) Sikkim  
2) Tamil Nadu  
3) Uttarakhand  
4) Uttar Pradesh  
5) Assam

**Q98.** Who has inaugurated Know India Programme (KIP) for NRI and PIO youth?  
1) Pranab Mukherjee  
2) Narendra Modi  
3) Sushma Swaraj  
4) Smriti Irani  
5) Uma Bharti

**Q99.** Who has won the Stuttgart Open men's singles title?  
1) Roger Federer  
2) Lucas Pouille  
3) Rafael Nadal  
4) Novak Djokovich  
5) Andy Murray

**Q100.** Name the owner of the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel?  
1) Sunil Oberoi  
2) James Clarke  
3) Neil Bang  
4) George Raddison  
5) Salma Hayaat

**Q101.** Who became the 71st country to ratify the United Nations TIR Convention?  
1) India      2) Pakistan  
3) Bangladesh 4) Nepal  
5) Sri Lanka

**Q102.** Afghan President \_\_\_\_\_ inaugurated the \_\_\_\_\_ first Afghanistan-India air corridor during a ceremony at the Kabul International Airport.  
1) Mamnoon Hussain  
2) Ashraf Ghani  
3) Hamid Ansari  
4) Sheikh Hasina  
5) Recep Tayyip Erdogan

**Q103.** Who is going to head India's biggest oil producer, ONGC as its Chairman and Managing Director?  
1) Biswajit Roy  
2) Shikha Sharma  
3) Dinesh K Sarraf

4) Ashok Goyal  
5) Shashi Shankar

**Q104.** Which countries began a special operations training exercise "Balance Nail 17-3"?  
1) US and Sri Lanka  
2) China and Nepal  
3) US and Nepal  
4) India and Nepal  
5) India and Sri Lanka

**Q105.** \_\_\_\_\_ and American aerospace Company Lockheed Martin signed a deal to jointly produce the combat-proven F-16 fighter jets in India.  
1) Reliance Defence  
2) DRDO  
3) Gammon India  
4) Tata Group  
5) HAL

**Q106.** Who has signed an MoU with the US aircraft maker Boeing Co for 40 737 MAX planes worth 4.7 Billion?  
1) Kingfisher    2) Spice Jet  
3) Jet Airways 4) Vistara  
5) IndiGo

**Q107.** Who has been named as the captain in the ICC Team of the Champions Trophy 2017?  
1) Virat Kohli  
2) M.S.Dhoni  
3) David Warner  
4) Sarfraz Ahmed  
5) Steve Smith

**Q108.** Which Bollywood actor has bought franchises in the Cricket South Africa (CSA)s eight-team T20 Global League?  
1) Shahrukh Khan  
2) Salman Khan  
3) Akshay Kumar  
4) Priyanka Chopra  
5) Preeti Zinta

**Q109.** What is the rank of Pakistan, according to the latest ICC ODI ranking?  
1) 8              2) 7  
3) 6              4) 5  
5) 1

**Q110.** Minister for Science & Technology \_\_\_\_\_ has launched a Mobile App named "Celebrating Yoga" in New Delhi.  
1) Mahesh Singh  
2) J.P.Nadda  
3) Smriti Irani  
4) Prakash Javadekar  
5) Harshvardhan

**Q111.** What is the theme of this year's International Yoga Day?  
1) Yoga for Nation  
2) Yoga for Health  
3) Yoga for All  
4) Yoga for Wealth  
5) Yoga for World

**Q112.** According to Fitch Ratings, what is India's GDP forecast for the year 2018-19?  
1) 7.1 %      2) 7.2 %  
3) 7.3 %      4) 7.4 %  
5) 7.5 %

**Q113.** Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated POWERGRID's 400 Kilo Volt (kV) Direct Current (D/C) Transmission Line?  
1) Lucknow      2) Kanpur  
3) Banaras      4) Gorakhpur  
5) Mathura

**Q114.** Who has been renominated by India as its candidate at the International Court of Justice(ICJ)?  
1) Dalveer Bhandari  
2) Harish Salve  
3) Khawar Qureshi  
4) H.L.Dattu  
5) R.M.Lodha

**Q115.** P.K.Kaw related to which field?  
1) Sports      2) Politics  
3) Medical      4) Literature  
5) Cinema

**Q116.** Which institute has been selected as the first recipient of the prime minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of yoga?

Indian-origin man Guruswamy Jayraman has been awarded Australia's highest civilian award

1) Parmarth Niketan  
 2) Ashtanga Institute  
 3) Shiva Yoga Peeth  
 4) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga  
 5) Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute

**Q117.** Amrit Pal was a famous-

1) Singer      2) Producer  
 3) Director    4) Actor  
 5) Novelist

**Q118.** Who will provide USD 275 million loan for a piped water supply project in Madhya Pradesh?

1) AIIB      2) ADB  
 3) NDB      4) World Bank  
 5) IMF

**Q119.** Who has won a bronze medal in the Under-7 category of the 2017 Kenilworth Junior Open Rapid Chess Tournament?

1) Ahana Shah  
 2) Suhana Khan  
 3) Sulekha Awasthi  
 4) Mousumi Rai  
 5) Ruchi Mathur

**Q120.** Who has been appointed as the youngest and the first refugee to become ambassador to the United Nations?

1) Malala Yousufzai  
 2) Selena Gomez  
 3) Muzoon Almellehan  
 4) P.V. Sindhu  
 5) Dipa Karmarkar

**Q121** Who has been named as the next Home Secretary?

1) Rajnath Singh  
 2) Rajiv Gauba  
 3) Shushil Kumar Shinde  
 4) Shivraj Patil  
 5) Indrajit Gupta

**Q122.** Which city is the most expensive city for expatriates in India and is placed 57th on the list?

1) Bengaluru    2) Chennai  
 3) Mumbai      4) Kolkata  
 5) Delhi

**Q123.** What is the full form of NCAER?

(1) National Council of Applied Economic Research  
 (2) National central of Applied Economic Research  
 (3) National central of Applied Economic Reserve  
 (4) National Council of Application External Research  
 (5) None of the Above

**Q124.** Who will be the America's new ambassador to India?

(1) Kenneth I Juster  
 (2) Thomas Jefferson  
 (3) James Munro  
 (4) Jonathan Russell  
 (5) None of These

**Q125.** Where is the Headquarter of World Bank?

(1) Washington .D.C  
 (2) France  
 (3) UK  
 (4) Geneva  
 (5) None of these

**Q126.** Whom did India's women's softball team defeated in the Semi-final?

(1) Singapore  
 (2) Philippines  
 (3) Malaysia  
 (4) Germany  
 (5) None of These

**Q127.** Which Two Indian airlines has been rated in the Top 100 list by aviation website Skytrax?

(1) Spice jet and Air India  
 (2) Vistara and Indigo  
 (3) Indigo and Jet Airways  
 (4) Air India Express and Indigo  
 (5) None of these

**Q128.** Which country has unveiled the world's first 'railless train' that runs on a virtual track?

(1) Japan      (2) China  
 (3) Turkey    (4) India  
 (5) Italy

**Q129.** Carla Fendi was associated with which among the following?

(1) Fashion Industry  
 (2) Sports  
 (3) Music  
 (4) Film Industry  
 (5) None of these

**Q130.** Who took oath as the acting Governor of Bihar?

(1) Ram Nath Kovind  
 (2) Devanand Konwar  
 (3) Gopal Krishna Gandhi  
 (4) Keshari Nath Tripathi  
 (5) D.Y. Patil

**Q131.** Who wrote the book "President Pranab Mukherjee – A Statesman"?

(1) Arun Jaitley  
 (2) Vikram Seth  
 (3) Arundhati Roy  
 (4) Narendra Modi  
 (5) Anand Mishra

**Q132.** Who became the first Indian driver to won the FIA Formula 3 European Race?

(1) Jehan Daruvala  
 (2) Narain Karthikeyan  
 (3) Jitender Singh  
 (4) Malkeet Singh  
 (5) A Nagarjuna

**Q133.** Nirupam Sen, who died recently was former \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) Chief Minister of West Bengal.  
 (2) India's ambassador to Peru.  
 (3) Lok Sabha Speaker.  
 (4) India's permanent representative to UN.  
 (5) Attorney General

**Q134.** Who won the FIFA's Confederations Cup at Russia?

(1) Chile      (2) Germany  
 (3) Spain      (4) France  
 (5) Russia

**Q135.** Dane Van Niekerk, who made a record of taking 4 wickets without giving any run, hails from which country?

**Q136.** Ravinder Randev who died recently is associated with which field?

(1) Sports      (2) Politics  
 (3) Journalism    (4) Music  
 (5) Literature

**Q137.** Country's biggest Global Skill Park is to be set up in which state?

(1) Madhya Pradesh  
 (2) Gujarat  
 (3) Rajasthan  
 (4) Uttar Pradesh  
 (5) Andhra Pradesh

**Q138.** Who has launched the Asia-Africa-Europe (AAE-1) submarine cable system?

(1) Reliance Jio Infocomm  
 (2) Bharti Airtel  
 (3) Vodafone  
 (4) Aircel  
 (5) Tata Docomo

**Q139.** What does C stands for in the abbreviation FMCG?

(1) Cost      (2) Consumer  
 (3) Credit      (4) Capital  
 (5) Clearence

**Q140.** At which airport The CISF security cover has been rated the best service in the world by quality rating agency World Quality Congress?

(1) Mumbai Airport  
 (2) Chennai Airport  
 (3) Kolkata Airport  
 (4) Delhi Airport  
 (5) Pune Airport

**Q141.** Who has been appointed as the 12th Chief Minister of Nagaland?

(1) Shurhozelie Liezetsu  
 (2) Prem Kumar Chamling  
 (3) P M Acharya  
 (4) T R Zeliang  
 (5) Mamata Banerjee

**Q142.** Whom did Kidambi Srikanth defeated in the Australian Open final?

(1) Andy Murray  
 (2) Chen Long  
 (3) Rafael Nadal  
 (4) Roger Federer  
 (5) None of these

**Q143.** Who won the women's singles title at the World Super Series Australian Open tournament?

(1) Nozomi Okuhara  
 (2) Akane Yamaguchi  
 (3) Serena Williams  
 (4) Angelique Kerber  
 (5) None of these

**Q144.** Who has been appointed as ambassador for Government's Skill India campaign?

(1) Anushka Sharma  
 (2) Madhuri Dixit  
 (3) Priyanka Chopra  
 (4) Neha Dhupia  
 (5) None of these

**Q145.** KR Mohanan is a famous -

(1) Filmmaker    (2) Sports  
 (3) Musician    (4) Politician  
 (5) None of these

**Q146.** Who became the first female cricketer to score seven consecutive 50+ scores in One Day Internationals?

(1) Mithali Raj  
 (2) Amanpreet Kaur  
 (3) Amita Sharma  
 (4) Nagarajan Niranjan  
 (5) None of these

**Q147.** Who wins a gold at the women's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2017?

(1) Heena Sidhu  
 (2) Harveen Srao  
 (3) Harshada Nithave  
 (4) Yashaswini Singh Deswal  
 (5) None of these

**Q148.** Who has been appointed as the New Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IDFC?

(1) Sunil Kakar  
 (2) Vinod Rai  
 (3) Donal Peck  
 (4) Gautam Kaji  
 (5) None of these

**Q149.** According to The Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI), in its annual general meeting, who has been conferred with the best Sportsperson of the Year Award?

(1) Steve Redgrave  
 (2) P V Sindhu  
 (3) Lalita Babar  
 (4) Pankaj Advani  
 (5) None of these

**Q150.** Who clinched gold medal at the Ulaanbaatar Cup boxing tournament in Mongolia?

(1) Ankush Dahiya  
 (2) Deepa Mallik  
 (3) P V Sindhu  
 (4) Aditi Ashok  
 (5) None of these

**Q151.** Who holds the Union Ministry of Water Resources?

(1) Smriti Zubin Irani  
 (2) Uma Bharti  
 (3) Vijay Goel  
 (4) Rajnath Singh  
 (5) Prakash Javadekar

**Q152.** Who has been appointed as the chairman of Kellog India?

(1) Mohit Anand  
 (2) Sangeeta Pandurkar  
 (3) Prakash gautam  
 (4) Rajesh Mishra  
 (5) Anand Seth

**Q153.** What is the name of the app launched by Centre to allow consumers to verify accurate tax rate on commodity and services?

(1) GST App  
 (2) GST Info  
 (3) GST Rates Finder  
 (4) GST Rate Calculator  
 (5) GST Reminder

Senior bureaucrat John Joseph has been appointed Director General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DG GSTI)

**Q154.** What is the name of Kenya's interior minister who recently died at the age of 67?

- (1) Uhuru Kenyatta
- (2) Jacob Zuma
- (3) General Sheikh
- (4) General Joseph Nkassery
- (5) Joseph Ferari

**Q155.** Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated first Garib Nawaz Skill Development Centre in which city?

- (1) New Delhi (2) Hyderabad
- (3) Pune (4) Kolkata
- (5) Chennai

**Q156.** What does H stands for in the abbreviation THAAD?

- (1) Higher (2) Hump
- (3) Highest (4) High
- (5) Hit

**Q157.** According to a report, which bank is going to acquire Freecharge?

- (1) State Bank of India
- (2) ICICI Bank
- (3) Axis Bank
- (4) Punjab National Bank
- (5) Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Q158.** Slum Yuva Daud was organised under which campaign?

- (1) Adopting Slum Campaign
- (2) Developing Slums
- (3) Abolishing Slums
- (4) Growing India
- (5) Developing Youth

**Q159.** Who is the prime minister of Italy?

- (1) Erna Solberg
- (2) Paolo Gentiloni
- (3) Narendra Modi
- (4) Malcolm Turnbull
- (5) None of the above

**Q160.** What is the name of the mobile app launched by UIDAI for Android phones?

- (1) mAADHAAR
- (2) mPIN
- (3) mUIDAI

- (4) mMOBILE
- (5) mID

**Q161.** Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Romania ?

- (1) Mihai Tudose
- (2) Klaus Iohannis
- (3) Sorin Grindeanu
- (4) Victor Ponta
- (5) None of these

**Q162.** Which country has cleared the sale of predator Guardian drones to India ?

- (1) UK (2) Spain
- (3) USA (4) Australia
- (5) None of these

**Q163.** How many members were comprised in the newly constituted panel headed by space scientist K Kasturirangan to frame a new National Education Policy (NEP) by HRD ministry ?

- (1) 9 (2) 8
- (3) 5 (4) 4
- (5) None of these

**Q164.** What Does R stands for in the Abbreviation RAAM in Context to Marathon ?

- (1) Rotation (2) Race
- (3) Revolution (4) Random
- (5) None of these

**Q165.** Desh Bandhu Gupta who died recently was founder chairman of which pharmaceutical company ?

- (1) Cipla
- (2) Lupin
- (3) Hindustan Uniliver
- (4) Ranbaxy
- (5) None of these

**Q166.** ISSF Junior World Champion -ship was held in which country?

- (1) Germany (2) Spain
- (3) Russia (4) India
- (5) None of these

**Q167.** Who has cleared a USD 250 million loan for skill training in India ?

- (1) AIIB (2) IMF
- (3) ADB (4) World Bank
- (5) None of these

**Q168.** Which company acquired German startup SensoMotoric Instruments ?

- (1) Apple (2) Microsoft
- (3) Titan (4) Lenskart
- (5) None of these

**Q169.** Whom did Anastasija Sevastova defeat to win the Mallorca Open Tennis Tournament?

- (1) Cici Bellis
- (2) Caroline Garcia
- (3) Julie Goerges
- (4) Catherine Bellis
- (5) None of these

**Q170.** What is the maximum speed proposed by china's bullet train Fuxing ?

- (1) 400 km/h (2) 200 Km/h
- (3) 300 Km/h (4) 500 Km/h
- (5) None of these

**Q171.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

A) French defence firm Thales and Reliance Defence Limited sealed a deal for setting up a joint venture (JV) with a shareholding of 49 per cent and 51 per cent respectively.

B) Thales is a leading supplier of radars, electronic warfare solutions and software to Dassault Aviation that manufactures Rafale jets.

C) India in September last year had inked a Euro 7.87 billion (approx Rs 59,000 crore) deal with France for the purchase of 36 Rafale fighter jets.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

Actor Nelson Ellis passed away

**Q172.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

- A)** India signs loan agreement with World Bank and AIIB for electrification projects in Andhra Pradesh
- B)** Project cost is US\$ 570 million of which US\$ 240 million is from World Bank and US\$ 160 million from AIIB.
- C)** The rest will be counterpart funding from GoAP.

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q173.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

- A)** Retirement fund body EPFO joined hands with Housing and Urban Development Corp (HUDCO) to enable its members avail credit-linked subsidy of up to Rs 2.67 lakh for buying affordable homes under PMAY.
- B)** The MoU will club the benefits of the Housing Scheme introduced by the EPFO for its subscribers and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).
- C)** Under the PMAY, the beneficiaries are provided credit linked subsidy based on their income levels so that the dream of housing for all can be realised by 2022.

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q174.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** Airtel starts digital customer care in 11 languages

**B)** Telecom operator Bharti Airtel announced the launch of \*121# Digital Care platform in 11 Indian languages, including Hindi, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil.

**C)** This support will be available in Kannada, Bangla, Odia and Assamese as well.

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q175.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** The World Bank has cleared a USD 250-million loan for making Indian youth more employable through reskilling, in a move that is seen to aid the Skill India mission.

**B)** Under the programme, adults in 15-59 years of age, underemployed or unemployed, will get the skill training.

**C)** The Washington-headquartered World Bank's SIMO is a six-year programme in support of the Indian government's National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (2017-23).

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q176.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** Technology major SAP India has partnered with the Ministry of Micro, Small

and Medium Enterprises (MSME) to jointly launch Bharat ERP

- B)** This programme is aimed at digital empowerment of small businesses in the country.
- C)** The initiative aims to digitally enable nearly 30,000 MSMEs and youth in the next three years.

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q177.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** Asian Development Bank (ADB) committed USD 220 million for improving road connectivity as well as transport efficiency and safety on state highways of Rajasthan.

**B)** The loan is the first tranche of the USD 500 million Rajasthan State Highways Investment Programme

**C)** It will upgrade about 2,000 kilometers of state highways and major district roads to two-lane or intermediate-lane standards to meet road safety requirements.

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q178.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** National Multi Commodity Exchange (NMCE), India's first demutualised online national multi-commodities exchange will merge with Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX).

India will import crude oil from US for the first time

**B)** In the merged entity, the ICEX will hold a 62.8% stake, while NMCE shareholders will own the rest.

**C)** It will also offer the world's first diamond futures contract, which has already received in-principle approval from the market regulator SEBI.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q179.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) said its board has approved USD 329 million loan to build access roads to 4,000 villages in Gujarat.

**B)** This project will construct and upgrade district and farm-to-market roads for the villagers and provide approaches to educational institutions, schools and hospitals.

**C)** AIIB Headquartered in Beijing, China

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q180.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** Afghan President Ashraf Ghani inaugurated the first Afghanistan-India air corridor

**B)** The aim of the route is to create more opportunities and make Afghanistan an exporter country.

**C)** Currency of Afghanistan is Afghan afghani.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q181.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** China has unveiled the world's first 'railless train' that runs on a virtual track making use of a sensor technology instead of metal rails.

**B)** It is known as Autonomous Rail Rapid Transit (ART).

**C)** It is capable of moving at a maximum speed of 70 km/hr.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q182.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** Malaysia to host conferences on Ayurveda and Siddha medicines

**B)** The Tradalth Convention will take place from August 18-20 and its main focus will be on Ayurveda and Siddha medicines and therapists.

**C)** The foundation aims to establish a training programme in Malaysia through a tie-up with SVYASA Yoga University of Bangalore.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q183.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** China launched its first self-developed 'next-generation' bullet train 'Fuxing' with a maximum speed of 400kmh.

**B)** The first run happened simultaneously from two stations-Beijing and Shanghai.

**C)** China has the world's longest railway network with 22,000 kilometres by the end of last year, about 60 percent of the world's total.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q184.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** India's latest communication satellite GSAT-17 was successfully launched by a heavy duty rocket of Arianespace from the spaceport of Kourou in French Guiana.

**B)** The GSAT-17 with a lift-off mass of about 3,477 kg carries payloads in Normal C- band, Extended C-band and S-band to provide various communication services.

**C)** GSAT-17 that will strengthen ISRO's current fleet of 17 telecommunications satellites was launched into a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO).

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

Water expert Mohankrishnan died

**Q185.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

- A)** The National Sugar Institute (NSI) has entered into an agreement with Ethiopia for setting up 10 new sugar factories, besides a sugar institute, in the East African state.
- B)** At present, there are only seven sugar factories in Ethiopia which produce about 3.60 lakh tonne of sugar annually.
- C)** The NSI will also provide academic and technical assistance to ESC in setting up a hi-tech sugar institute.

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q186.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

- A)** India has contributed USD 500,000 to the UN Peacebuilding Fund, expressing hope that more funding by nations will boost efforts by the world body to build and sustain peace.
- B)** India has been a member of the Peacebuilding Commission since its inception in December 2005
- C)** The fund was launched to support activities, actions, programmes and organisations that seek to build a lasting peace in countries emerging from conflict.

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q187.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

- A)** The iconic Taj Mahal Palace hotel in the city has acquired an image trademark.
- B)** It will ensure that commercial use of the image of its dome and grand exterior can be made only with the consent of Taj Hotels Palaces Resorts Safaris.
- C)** The hotel opened on December 16, 1903.

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q188.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

- A)** According to Mercer's 23rd annual Cost of Living Survey, Mumbai is placed 57th on the list
- B)** New Delhi was placed at 99. Chennai (135), Bangalore (166) and Kolkata (184) were the other Indian cities on the list.
- C)** Luanda, the capital of Angola, was the costliest city, driven by cost of goods and security

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q189.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

- A)** The 54th Femina Miss India World 2017 winner is Manushi Chhillar from Haryana
- B)** first runner-up is Sana Dua from Jammu and Kashmir

and the second runner-up is Priyanka Kumari from Bihar.

**C)** Vinali Bhatnagar won the Miss Active crown whereas Vamika Nidhi won the special award of 'Body Beautiful'.

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q190.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

- A)** Sharjah has been crowned with the prestigious 'the World Book Capital' for 2019 by UNESCO
- B)** Sharjah has been chosen for the quality of its literary and cultural activities, and for its unfailing efforts to make books accessible to the entire population of the nation.
- C)** Sharjah is the 19th city to become World Book Capital.

1) Only A is true  
2) Only B is True  
3) Only C is true  
4) All are True  
5) All are False

**Q191.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

- A)** Arnav Sharma, an 11-year-old Indian-origin boy in the United Kingdom, secured the top possible score of 162 on a Mensa IQ test.
- B)** Sharma secured two points higher than physicist Albert Einstein and astrophysicist Stephen Hawking, making him one of the brainiest children in the country.

C) Mensa is believed to be the largest and oldest high IQ society in the world.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q192.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

A) India has slipped to 88th place in terms of money parked by its citizens with Swiss banks.

B) India was placed at 75th position in 2015 and at 61st in the year before that

C) UK remains on the top.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q193.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

A) Realty firm Signature Global, which is into development of affordable homes, has roped in Bollywood actress Vidya Balan as brand ambassador.

B) Signature Global has launched 9 affordable housing projects, comprising about 9,300 units in a price range of Rs 15-25 lakh, in Gurgaon in the last three years of operations.

C) All projects are under the Haryana Affordable Housing scheme.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q194.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

A) Minister for Science & Technology Dr. Harshvardhan has launched a Mobile App "Celebrating Yoga".

B) The Mobile App has been developed by Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology on the occasion of International Yoga Day 2017.

C) The aim of the app is to popularize Yoga and encourage people to practice yoga for a scientifically healthy living.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q195.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

A) Asian Development Bank will provide USD 275 million loan for a piped water supply project for rapidly urbanising small towns, covering 3 lakh households, in Madhya Pradesh.

B) The state government will provide a USD 124 million counterpart support for the project which is estimated to be completed by June 2022.

C) ADB Headquarters is in Philippines.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q196.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

A) The country's first indigenously built floating

dock FDN-2 for the Indian Navy, was formally launched at the L&T Shipbuilding Yard at Kattupalli near Chennai.

B) The floating dock, awarded to Larsen and Toubro by the Ministry of Defence in May 2015, was to design and build at an order value of Rs. 468 crore.

C) The Floating Dock is an indigenously built designed and built platform with state-of-the-art machinery and control systems capable of docking ships of upto 8,000 tonne displacement.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q197.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

A) The Cabinet approved amendment of the bilateral Social Security Agreement (SSA) between India and the Netherlands by incorporating the "Country of Residence" principle into it.

B) The SSA has been in force since June 2010 and has benefited Indian expatriates who have been working in the Netherlands.

C) SSA will help in encouraging the flow of investment in both countries.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q198.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** The Centre launched a liveability index which will rank the country's 116 major cities on the basis of the quality of life they offer.

**B)** The first-of-its-kind index will enable the cities know where they stand in terms of the quality of life and the interventions required to improve it.

**C)** The ranking will be released in 2018.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q199.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala, Naya Raipur in

Chhattisgarh and Rajkot in Gujarat figured in the new list of 30 cities announced for development under the Centres Smart City Mission.

**B)** An investment of Rs 57,393 crore has been proposed for development of these 30 cities.

**C)** Of the planned expenditure, Rs 46,879 crore will be for core infrastructure and Rs 10,514 crore for technology-based solutions.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

**Q200.** Consider the following statements and choose the right option.

**A)** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched earth observation satellite Cartosat-2 series weighing 712 kg and 30 co-passenger satellites (29 foreign, one Indian).

**B)** The 30 satellites will together weigh 243 kg and the total weight of all the 31 satellites, including Cartosat, is about 955 kg.

**C)** The Indian nano satellite 15 kg NIUSAT belongs to Nooral Islam University, Tamil Nadu.

- 1) Only A is true
- 2) Only B is True
- 3) Only C is true
- 4) All are True
- 5) All are False

### ANSWER - GENERAL AWARENESS

Q.1.(2)	Q.2.(4)	Q.3.(1)	Q.4.(2)	Q.5.(3)	Q.6.(5)	Q.7.(1)	Q.8.(2)	Q.9.(4)	Q.10.(3)
Q.11.(3)	Q.12.(1)	Q.13.(5)	Q.14.(2)	Q.15.(4)	Q.16.(3)	Q.17.(1)	Q.18.(5)	Q.19.(2)	Q.20.(4)
Q.21.(1)	Q.22.(2)	Q.23.(3)	Q.24.(4)	Q.25.(5)	Q.26.(1)	Q.27.(2)	Q.28.(2)	Q.29.(4)	Q.30.(5)
Q.31.(2)	Q.32.(4)	Q.33.(1)	Q.34.(3)	Q.35.(5)	Q.36.(5)	Q.37.(3)	Q.38.(1)	Q.39.(2)	Q.40.(4)
Q.41.(4)	Q.42.(2)	Q.43.(1)	Q.44.(3)	Q.45.(3)	Q.46.(5)	Q.47.(1)	Q.48.(3)	Q.49.(5)	Q.50.(3)
Q.51.(2)	Q.52.(4)	Q.53.(1)	Q.54.(3)	Q.55.(5)	Q.56.(5)	Q.57.(3)	Q.58.(1)	Q.59.(4)	Q.60.(2)
Q.61.(3)	Q.62.(1)	Q.63.(5)	Q.64.(2)	Q.65.(4)	Q.66.(3)	Q.67.(1)	Q.68.(5)	Q.69.(2)	Q.70.(5)
Q.71.(5)	Q.72.(4)	Q.73.(3)	Q.74.(2)	Q.75.(1)	Q.76.(5)	Q.77.(4)	Q.78.(3)	Q.79.(2)	Q.80.(2)
Q.81.(3)	Q.82.(4)	Q.83.(2)	Q.84.(5)	Q.85.(4)	Q.86.(3)	Q.87.(5)	Q.88.(1)	Q.89.(4)	Q.90.(1)
Q.91.(1)	Q.92.(2)	Q.93.(5)	Q.94.(3)	Q.95.(2)	Q.96.(1)	Q.97.(4)	Q.98.(3)	Q.99.(2)	Q.100.(3)
Q.101.(1)	Q.102.(2)	Q.103.(5)	Q.104.(3)	Q.105.(4)	Q.106.(2)	Q.107.(4)	Q.108.(1)	Q.109.(3)	Q.110.(5)
Q.111.(2)	Q.112.(5)	Q.113.(1)	Q.114.(1)	Q.115.(3)	Q.116.(5)	Q.117.(4)	Q.118.(2)	Q.119.(1)	Q.120.(3)
Q.121.(2)	Q.122.(3)	Q.123.(1)	Q.124.(1)	Q.125.(1)	Q.126.(1)	Q.127.(3)	Q.128.(2)	Q.129.(1)	Q.130.(4)
Q.131.(5)	Q.132.(1)	Q.133.(4)	Q.134.(2)	Q.135.(5)	Q.136.(3)	Q.137.(1)	Q.138.(1)	Q.139.(2)	Q.140.(4)
Q.141.(4)	Q.142.(2)	Q.143.(1)	Q.144.(3)	Q.145.(1)	Q.146.(1)	Q.147.(4)	Q.148.(1)	Q.149.(2)	Q.150.(1)
Q.151.(2)	Q.152.(1)	Q.153.(3)	Q.154.(4)	Q.155.(2)	Q.156.(4)	Q.157.(3)	Q.158.(1)	Q.159.(2)	Q.160.(1)
Q.161.(1)	Q.162.(3)	Q.163.(1)	Q.164.(2)	Q.165.(2)	Q.166.(1)	Q.167.(4)	Q.168.(1)	Q.169.(3)	Q.170.(1)
Q.171.(4)	Q.172.(4)	Q.173.(4)	Q.174.(4)	Q.175.(4)	Q.176.(4)	Q.177.(4)	Q.178.(4)	Q.179.(4)	Q.180.(4)
Q.181.(4)	Q.182.(4)	Q.183.(4)	Q.184.(4)	Q.185.(4)	Q.186.(4)	Q.187.(4)	Q.188.(4)	Q.189.(4)	Q.190.(4)
Q.191.(4)	Q.192.(4)	Q.193.(4)	Q.194.(4)	Q.195.(4)	Q.196.(4)	Q.197.(4)	Q.198.(4)	Q.199.(4)	Q.200.(4)

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**Q.1.5. Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has rolled out a major scheme for strengthening of Food Testing Infrastructure in the country. Government is set to upgrade food testing laboratories at an estimated cost of Rs. 482 crore. The Empowered committee constituted for implementing this scheme held its first meeting in November which was chaired by Chairperson, FSSAI. Proposals from 7 States/UTs were considered for strengthening their food Testing infrastructure.

Two proposals, from Chandigarh (Punjab) and Calicut (Kerala), were approved in principle. The other States were requested to revise and resubmit their proposals according to the scheme guidelines with mentorship support from FSSAI. The Committee also approved the proposal for strengthening the Referral Food Laboratory at Central Food Technology Research Institute (CFTRI) through provision of state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Introduction of these equipment facilities would significantly enhance the testing capability of CFTRI for adulteration of honey and pesticide and antibiotic residues in food samples.

Under this scheme, 45 State/UT Food Testing labs, 14 Referral Food Testing labs will be upgraded to enable them to obtain NABL accreditation. 62 Mobile Testing labs will also be established across all States/UTs. There are currently 4 Mobile food Testing labs in Punjab, Gujarat, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, which will serve as a model for these Mobile Testing labs.

Capacity building of the Food Testing labs is also an important component of this scheme. In addition, a School Food and Hygiene Programme has been envisaged under which basic Food Testing labs will be set up in 1500 schools/colleges across the country to promote a culture of safe and wholesome food.

**Q.1** What has the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) rolled out?

- (A) A major scheme for strengthening of Food Testing Infrastructure in the country.
- (B) A major scheme to upgrade food testing Machines.
- (C) A major scheme to induce power generations.

(D) A major scheme for adulteration of honey and pesticide and antibiotic residues in food samples.

**Q.2** The first committee meeting for implementing the scheme was chaired by -

- (A) It was chaired by Chairperson, FSSAI.
- (B) It was chaired by Secretary, FSSAI.
- (C) It was chaired by M.D, FSSAI.
- (D) It was chaired by Chief of committee council, FSSAI.

**Q.3** What were the other States requested to do?

- (A) They were requested to revise and resubmit their proposals according to the scheme guidelines with mentorship support from FSSAI.
- (B) They were requested to upgrade their labs
- (C) They were requested to enable the guidelines to obtain NABL accreditation.
- (D) They were requested for equipment facilities to enhance the testing

**Q.4** What did the Committee approve the proposal for?

- (A) For strengthening the Referral Food Laboratory at Central Food Technology Research Institute through provision of state-of-the-art equipment.
- (B) For the improvisation of Mobiles.
- (C) For mixing the models with latest instruments.
- (D) To work as a scientific food quality measurement.

**Q.5** Where will the basic Food testing labs be set up under Food and Hygiene Programme?

- (A) Basic Food Testing labs will be set up in 1500 schools/colleges across the country.
- (B) Basic Food Testing labs will be set up in 1500 hospitals/hostels across the country.
- (C) Basic Food Testing labs will be set up in 1500 schools/dance academies across the country.
- (D) Basic Food Testing labs will be set up in 1500 temples/colleges across the country.

**Q.6.10. Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.**

Department of Sports has advised National Sports Federations (NSFs) to identify medal prospects and their support staff for the 2020 Olympic Games by November.

Department's release elaborated that this is to ensure that the core probable get support of dedicated world class support staff on a continuing basis to be able to

Atthaya Thitikul became the youngest player to win on Ladies European Tour

work as a coherent team and deliver. This action of the department of Sports, approved by the Union Sports minister Vijay Goel, is intended to give a head-start to the country's preparations for Olympics, 2020.

The department has further advised NSFs to prepare the programme of training and exposures of the medal prospects for the year 2017. The NSFs should approach the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for any financial assistance required under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme.

There will be a six monthly review of the performance of the athletes and support staff for inclusion/ exclusion in the list of core probable and their support staff. The department has advised the NSFs to carry out the exercise of selection and review with total transparency and put up details of the same on their website as a part of suo moto disclosure. In respect of the sports discipline(s) in which NSFs are suspended / not recognised by MYAS, this exercise is to be undertaken by Sports Authority of India (SAI) namely Archery, Gymnastics, Judo, Tennis.

**Q.6** What has the Department of Sports advised National Sports Federations (NSFs)?

- (A) To identify medal prospects and their support staff for the 2020 Olympic Games by November.
- (B) To identify the chief guest to inaugurate the 2020 Olympic Games by November.
- (C) To identify the leading playing who would bag many medals for the 2020 Olympic Games by November.
- (D) To identify the supporting staff for basic services to the players for the 2020 Olympic Games by November.

**Q.7** What did the Department's release elaborate about the core on a continuing basis?

- (A) That the core probable get support of dedicated world class support staff.
- (B) That the core probable get support of dedicated workers.
- (C) That the core probable get support of dedicated world class luxuries.
- (D) That the core probable get support of dedicated Olympics superstars.

**Q.8** What has the department further advised NSFs to prepare?

- (A) The programme of training and exposures of the medal prospects for the year 2017.

- (B) The programme of training and exposures of the classical dancers for the year 2017.
- (C) The programme of training and exposures of the medical practitioners for the year 2017.
- (D) The programme of training and exposures of the news anchors for the year 2017.

**Q.9**

Under which scheme the NSFs should approach the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for any financial assistance required?

- (A) Under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme.
- (B) Under the Target Olympic Parameters (TOP) Scheme.
- (C) Under the Transitional Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme.
- (D) Under the Target Olympic Pinnacle (TOP) Scheme.

**Q.10**

What has the department suggested the NSFs?

- (A) To carry out the exercise of selection
- (B) To review with total transparency
- (C) To put up details of the same on their website as a part of suo moto disclosure.
- (D) All of the above

**Q.11.15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.**

We have become quite accustomed to brands in our lives. Companies such as Apple Inc., Google Inc., Coca-Cola Co., and Toyota Motor Corp. are four of the most valuable brands in the world. The most successful companies spend considerable time, energy, and money managing their brands. Why do they do so? Because it is economically beneficial for them.

As they build their brand image in customers' minds, they are able to have a more loyal customer base willing to pay extra for their products and/or buy more of their products. They recognize that to maintain and grow their customer bases most effectively, they should carefully nurture positive consumer perceptions of their products or services and correct negative misperceptions.

For many years, Google knew it had a great Internet search engine, yet never tried to manage the brand. Only later did it realize that its brand was one of the most valuable assets. Users would opt to do web searches on Google over other search engines simply because it was Google, never even exploring whether searches on Bing or Yahoo or Baidu would yield better or faster results. They had

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become brand-loyal. This provides value for Google as it is able to very successfully sell its traffic to advertisers.

Similar to companies, nations have brand images of their own. Would nations' economies similarly prosper if they adopted similar "brand" strategies?

Branding consultancies have developed methods to estimate the value of global product brands and regularly publish rankings based on those estimates.

**Q.11** How does brand loyalty provide value for Google?

- (A) As it is able to successfully sell its traffic to advertisers.
- (B) As it is able to successfully launch its schemes.
- (C) As it is able to successfully buy the images which are there on its tab.
- (D) As it is able to successfully sell its creative ideas to the Executives.

**Q.12** Why have the branding consultancies developed methods?

- (A) To estimate the value of global product brands.
- (B) To estimate the value of international trading funds.
- (C) To estimate the value of socio-economic strata.
- (D) To estimate the value of local brands.

**Q.13** Who had become brand loyal?

- (A) Users
- (B) Brands
- (C) Companies
- (D) Localities

**Q.14** Why do the most valuable brands build their brand image in customers' minds?

- (A) They are able to have a more loyal customer base willing to pay extra for their products.
- (B) A more loyal customer buy more of their products.
- (C) Both (A) and (B)
- (D) None of the above

**Q.15** How do the most valuable brands recognize to maintain and grow their customer bases most effectively?

- (A) They should carefully nurture positive consumer perceptions of their products or services
- (B) They should carefully correct negative misperceptions
- (C) They should carefully sell their new themes throughout the world.
- (D) Both (A) and (B)

**Q.16.20** Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) has started conducting tests for its ambitious Chandrayaan-2 mission at its facility, where simulated lunar craters have been created for landing mission, Isro chairman said.

According to Kumar, several craters, resembling the terrain of the Moon, have been created on the ground at the facility to test instruments and sensors on the lander of Chandrayaan-2. "We are doing some tests with regard to the Moon landing mission of Chandrayaan-2. For that, an aircraft carrying some of the instruments is being flown over this simulated area at our facility in Challakere," Kumar said.

"We have created some craters there. These tests are part of our 'hazard avoidance and landing' exercise. The lander is supposed to come down and land. We have to make sure that it lands at a place which does not have too much of slope. Otherwise, one of the legs of the lander would stuck in a crater," Kumar said.

As per Isro website, Chandrayaan-2, India's second mission to the Moon, is an advanced version of the previous Chandrayaan-1 mission. It consists of an orbiter, lander and rover configuration. The orbiter with scientific payloads will orbit around the Moon. The lander will soft-land on the Moon at a specified site and deploy the rover. The scientific payloads onboard the orbiter, lander and rover are expected to perform mineralogical and elemental studies of the lunar surface.

In the recent past, Kumar had indicated that Chandrayaan-2 would be launched tentatively between 2017 and 2018. "There will be instruments on the lander. To make sure that these instruments work when it lands on the Moon, we are doing some simulations and that is one of the activities going on at Challakere" Kumar, who also serves as the Secretary in the Department of Space and Chairman of Space Commission, said "Tests are also going on to check the engines which provide required thrust to the lander in order to bring down its velocity to compensate the lunar gravity during the landing," Kumar added. He was in the city to attend a function for giving away 'Shri Hari Om Ashram Prerit Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Research Awards-2015' and 'PRL Award-2015'.

**Q.16** The ISRO has started conducting tests where-

- (A) Simulated lunar craters have been created for landing mission.

**(B)** Simulated solar craters have been created for landing mission.

**(C)** Simultaneous radio active products have been created for landing mission.

**(D)** Simulated responses have been created for landing mission.

**Q.17** Several craters have been created on the ground at the facility to test which of the following?

**(A)** Instruments and sensors on the lander of Chandrayaan-2.

**(B)** Pivotal wheels and sensors on the lander of Chandrayaan-2.

**(C)** Wings and launch lugs on the lander of Chandrayaan-2.

**(D)** Engine mount and Recovery wadding on the lander of Chandrayaan-2.

**Q.18** What did kumar say about the tests?

**(A)** The tests are part of our ‘hazard avoidance

**(B)** The tests are part of our landing’ exercise

**(C)** Both A and B

**(D)** None of these

**Q.19** What does Chandrayaan-2 consist of?

**(A)** An orbiter                   **(B)** Lander

**(C)** Rover configuration   **(D)** All of the above

**Q.20** Where the lander will land to deploy the rover?

**(A)** The lander will soft-land on the Moon at a specified site

**(B)** The lander will soft-land on the Sun at a specified site

**(C)** The lander will soft-land on the Universe at a specified site

**(D)** The lander will soft-land on the pluto at a specified site

**Q.21.25** Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.

The GRAPES-3 experiment is a special telescope-array to detect muons from cosmic ray showers. The experiment has detected a surge in muon intensity correlated with a weakening of the earth's magnetic field due to a solar storm that hit the earth on June 22, 2015. The results have been published in the journal Physical Review Letters. An Indo-Japanese collaboration, this experiment is unique in that it can be used to study solar storms and space weather at distances up to two times the earth's radius, unlike satellite-based studies that can yield information only about what is happening in their vicinity.

A coronal mass ejection (CME) left the sun on June 21, 2015 and, along with two such others that left the sun on June 18 and 19, reached earth on June 22, 2015. Solar flares are often followed by CMEs which are nothing but giant clouds of plasma which also contain embedded magnetic fields. This CME was associated with a solar flare from the sunspot region 12371 near the central disc of the sun. This caused a solar storm and ensuing radio blackouts and Aurora Borealis. Analysing data from the GRAPES-3 muon-tracking telescope, scientists have inferred that while it lasted, the CME resulted in weakening the earth's magnetic field, allowing high energy cosmic rays to burst through.

This method can serve as a monitor of solar storms. “Galactic cosmic rays producing a muon burst were bent in the space surrounding the Earth over a volume that is 7 times that of the Earth, and hence they serve as a monitor of the solar storm over this volume. This is in stark contrast to the satellite based measurements that provide only *in situ* information.” Says S.K. Gupta, Senior Professor and head of the GRAPES-3 experiment, based in Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, in an email to this correspondent.

**Q.21** What is the GRAPES-3 experiment all about?

(A) It is a special telescope-array to detect muons from cosmic ray showers.

(B) It is a special telescope-array to detect nano particles.

(C) It is a special telescope-array to detect electric field of a subatomic particle.

(D) It is a special telescope-array to detect rain showers.

**Q.22** How far can satellite-based studies information yield?

(A) Only about what is happening in their vicinity.

(B) Only about what is radiating here and there.

(C) Only about what is happening in the atomic nuclei.

(D) Only about its deep serene.

**Q.23** The experiment has detected a surge in muon intensity correlated with a-

(A) weakening of the earth's magnetic field due to a solar storm.

(B) Widening of a particle.

(C) quantity expressing the magnitude of internal friction in a fluid.

(D) a quantity representing the amount of water vapour in the atmosphere or in a gas.

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**Q.24** What are Solar flares?

- (A) Giant clouds of plasma which also contain embedded magnetic fields.
- (B) Giant clouds of plasma which also contain embedded electric field.
- (C) Giant clouds of rain drops which also contain embedded magnetic fields.
- (D) Giant structures which also contain embedded with neutrons.

**Q.25** When the CME resulted in weakening the earth's magnetic field, what does that allow?

- (A) High energy cosmic rays to burst through.
- (B) High intensity waves to burst through.
- (C) High intensity radiations to burst through.
- (D) High magnitude to burst through.

**Q.26.45 In the questions below the first and the last sentences of the passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order, Read the sentence and find out which of the four combinations is correct and mark your answer.**

**Q.26** 1. It is expected that every Burmese boy will become a novice at a pagoda for a short time.  
P. My parents used to bring me breakfast in the morning.  
Q. My head was shaved and I put on the yellow robe.  
R. Everyday I got up at five thirty.  
S. When I was eleven I went to a monastery near my home.  
6. That was a special privilege the novices had.

(A) SQRP (B) RQPS (C) RPSQ (D) PQRS

**Q.27** 1. On the face of it the Fifa World Cup is all about quality football,  
P. Demonstrating their talent for close to 35 days to  
Q. It involves the world's best footballers  
R. Generally recognised as the greatest sporting showpiece on earth.  
S. Win football's most coveted trophy.  
6. However, delve deeper and it is about a lot more.

(A) RQPS (B) PQSR (C) QPSR (D) SRPQ

**Q.28** 1. Every sports event in recent times has met with protests.

P. Violence at football tournaments goes back decades.

Q. While the 1994 killing of Andreas Escobar by  
R. Back in 1930 the Argentines resorted to mass violence after losing the final 2-4 to Uruguay,  
S. Colombian fans for letting his team down was an exception,  
6. Something that is on the cards in Brazil if the hosts don't make it to the last four.

(A) PSRQ (B) PQSR (C) QPRS (D) QSPR

**Q.29** 1. Like many other nations India too is gripped by Cup fever.  
P. Brazilian flags are everywhere and street graffiti depicting  
Q. Supporting either Brazil or Argentina  
R. In cities like Kolkata, every little enclave or para is  
S. A huge number of Indian journalists are in Brazil to cover the tournament.  
6. The major stars adorn the walls of the city.  
(A) PRQS (B) PQSR (C) RQPS (D) SRQP

**Q.30** 1. It is surprising to note that,  
P. AIDS and SARS may hog news headlines  
Q. that kill the most  
R. but it is heart attacks  
S. people in India every year  
6. This, is something to be noted.

(A) PRQS (B) RPSQ (C) QPSR (D) SPRQ

**Q.31** 1. All over Rome, there were young men from  
P. Street side performers, or selling tacky souvenirs.  
Q. The Indian subcontinent earning  
R. A precarious livelihood by being  
S. Most were illegal immigrants,  
6. Keeping a wary eye out for the police.

(A) QRPS (B) QPSR (C) SQPR (D) PRQS

**Q.32** 1. A new report by the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN) has strongly condemned "soft censorship" by governments  
P. And regulators as a "very serious threat to media independence and  
Q. Which is the umbrella organization of newspapers representing more than 18,000 publications and

**R.** 15,000 online sites in 120 countries around the world,  
**S.** The very viability of media companies". WAN,  
**6.** Has urgently called for rapid action to stop this blatant repression of media and press freedom.  
**(A) PRQS (B) PSQR (C) RPQS (D) RPSQ**

**Q.33** **1.** India is one of the top-ranking countries in the field of basic research.  
**P.** Placed on the S&T system, it is necessary for us to embark on some major science projects  
**Q.** And development, especially in the emerging scenario and competitive economy.  
**R.** In the wake of the recent developments and the new demands that are being  
**S.** Indian Science has come to be regarded as one of the most powerful instruments of growth  
**6.** Which have relevance to national needs and which will also be relevant for tomorrow's technology.  
**(A) SPRQ (B) SQPR (C) SQRQ (D) PSRQ**

**Q.34** **1.** Global corporations in 21st century are complex and a volatile mix  
**P.** As complexity increases, it becomes paramount to  
**Q.** Have effective managers who have strong  
**R.** Of cultures, processes and people from diverse backgrounds.  
**S.** Knowledge of people, change, processes and possess skills  
**6.** To manage problems in innovative ways.  
**(A) RPSQ (B) RPQS (C) PRQS (D) PQSR**

**Q.35** **1.** After ordering a judicial probe into the Bhopal jailbreak and  
**P.** Alleged encounter of eight SIMI activists,  
**Q.** The BJP government in Madhya Pradesh has put  
**R.** On hold the cash rewards it had  
**S.** Announced for the policemen who took part in the operation,  
**6.** Throwing up questions about its veracity.  
**(A) PRQS (B) QSPR (C) PQRS (D) PSRQ**

**Q.36** **1.** Almost anywhere you go in the world you will find young Indian men,  
**P.** Keep out of reach of the long arm of the law,  
**Q.** On the fringe of the underworld, economic refugees in an

**R.** To survive they must learn foreign languages,  
**S.** Alien land so remote in every sense from their home.  
**6.** And hone a variety of skills to earn whatever they can, however they can.  
**(A) QSRP (B) PRQS (C) RSPQ (D) SRPQ**

**Q.37** **1.** The report produced by WAN-IFRA and the US-based Centre for International Media Assistance (CIMA)  
**P.** Non-discriminatory state advertising, aid and funding  
**Q.** Fully respect principles of transparent and  
**R.** For all media outlets, be it for advertising,  
**S.** Has urgently called on governments to  
**6.** Training, content, or straightforward subsidies.  
**(A) SPQR (B) QRSP (C) PSQR (D) SQPR**

**Q.38** **1.** In light of the importance of science and technology (S&T) in the world,  
**P.** There is a need for scholarly work on its social dimensions.  
**Q.** In its social context. In their research, faculty members examine S&T both in  
**R.** The Department of Science & Technology Studies is dedicated to  
**S.** Research and teaching about scientific knowledge and technology  
**6.** Contemporary societies and through historical investigations.  
**(A) PRQS (B) PQSR (C) RPQS (D) PRSQ**

**Q.39** **1.** The Defence Minister said 95 per cent of retired  
**P.** The implementation of the One Rank,  
**Q.** Faced by the remaining 5 per cent will  
**R.** One Pension (OROP) scheme and problems being  
**S.** Defence personnel have benefited from  
**6.** Be resolved in the next two months.  
**(A) PSQR (B) SPRQ (C) PRQS (D) RPQS**

**Q.40** **1.** Questioning the dubbing of those demanding a probe  
**P.** Killing in Madhya Pradesh as anti-national,  
**Q.** Into the jailbreak by eight SIMI activists and their  
**R.** Clear some doubts and  
**S.** Former Union Minister said they only wanted to

US will sell \$1 billion worth of military tactical vehicles to Britain

6. none supported the escaped prisoners.  
(A) PRSQ (B) QSPR (C) QPSR (D) PQRS

**Q.41** 1. The Center for International Media Assistance (CIMA), based in Washington, DC, raises the visibility and  
P. Highlights the indispensable role media play in the creation  
Q. Improves the effectiveness of media development  
R. Around the world The Center provides information,  
S. Builds networks, conducts research, and  
6. and development of sustainable democracies.  
(A) QRSP (B) QPSR (C) QRPS (D) QSPR

**Q.42** 1. In 1900 the average life expectancy of humans across the world was 31 years,  
P. Can now be won over by medicines that did not exist back then.  
Q. And today it is about 68. This improvement is largely  
R. Due to the fact that death-causing infection  
S. Health practices help in increasing our life span.  
6. Proper nutrition, exercise and “good habits” are known to do so.  
(A) PQSR (B) QRPS (C) RPSQ (D) SPQR

**Q.43** 1. Mumbai-based researchers have identified two microRNA biomarkers  
P. Used for TB diagnosis and TB disease prognosis.  
Q. It could be used both for drug-sensitive pulmonary TB and  
R. Multi-drug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) patients.  
S. Present in serum samples that could potentially be  
6. The results were published in the journal *Tuberculosis*.  
(A) PRSQ (B) SPRQ (C) RQPS (D) SPQR

**Q.44** 1. Google is experimenting with a simple, yet useful feature  
P. Approach already adopted by some of its  
Q. Much more touch-friendly, and is an  
R. On Chrome for mobile, switching the navigation bar to the bottom.  
S. The new layout would make it

6. Competitors, namely Safari and Internet Explorer.  
(A) PRQS (B) RSQP (C) SPQR (D) SPRQ

**Q.45** 1. Adani's plan to build one of the world's  
P. New water laws that would exempt  
Q. The Indian mining giant's controversy-hit 21.7 billion dollar  
R. Largest coal mines in Australia received a boost  
S. By a last-minute amendment to Queensland's  
6. Project from any public objection process.  
(A) PSQR (B) RSPQ (C) QPSR (D) SRQP

**Q.46** **65 In the following questions sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and mark your answer.**

**Q.46** To keep the body in good health is a duty, \_\_\_\_\_ we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear.  
(A) therefore (B) otherwise  
(C) lest (D) because

**Q.47** Where there is no strength of mind \_\_\_\_\_ can be no strength of soul.  
(A) his (B) their (C) there (D) one

**Q.48** We are not votaries of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ the board.  
(A) on (B) across  
(C) throughout (D) for

**Q.49** A strange and terrible irony united India and Pakistan\_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) recently (B) current (C) special (D) hardly

**Q.50** The elections have witnessed an induction of more \_\_\_\_\_ 150 million first-time voters.  
(A) then (B) than (C) to (D) for

**Q.51** Information is \_\_\_\_\_ bits of data.  
(A) clearly (B) just (C) the (D) definitely

**Q.52** God! give us wisdom as a father \_\_\_\_\_ to his sons.  
(A) plays (B) thinks (C) do (D) gives

**Q.53** He who lowers his mind to the dust of \_\_\_\_\_ men's feet, sees the name of God enshrined in every heart.  
(A) few (B) all (C) some (D) most

**Q.54** Pakistani security officials say five more Indian diplomats have \_\_\_\_\_ to their country amid a deepening diplomatic row.  
(A) entered (B) left (C) returned (D) done

**Q.55** Our soul, our true Self, is the most mysterious, essential and \_\_\_\_\_ dimension of our being.  
 (A) destruction (B) magical  
 (C) debt (D) divine

**Q.56** This savagery \_\_\_\_\_ not sport sackcloth and wooden clubs.  
 (A) might (B) shall (C) can (D) used to

**Q.57** Faith is the spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ life.  
 (A) support (B) maintain  
 (C) sustains (D) survives

**Q.58** The foundation of the universe is \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of father and children.  
 (A) a (B) the (C) an (D) for

**Q.59** The United Nations Security Council has \_\_\_\_\_ an attack that left two Malian citizens and one Togolese peacekeeper dead.  
 (A) diminish (B) praised  
 (C) supported (D) condemned

**Q.60** India is \_\_\_\_\_ the world's top 10 nations in the number of scientific publications.  
 (A) among (B) between  
 (C) amongst (D) amidst

**Q.61** The Department of Science & Technology \_\_\_\_\_ a pivotal role in promotion of science & technology in the country.  
 (A) display (B) gives (C) plays (D) perform

**Q.62** This system which requires extremely sensitive position and orbit calculations \_\_\_\_\_ guide tight flying formations.  
 (A) for (B) to (C) of (D) in

**Q.63** The Ministry of Steel and Mines drafted a policy statement to evolve a new model for \_\_\_\_\_ industry.  
 (A) managing (B) manage  
 (C) manages (D) managed

**Q.64** Indian agriculture benefited from the \_\_\_\_\_ made in the fields of Biotechnology.  
 (A) achieving (B) developments  
 (C) decline (D) deposits

**Q.65** Our countries face economic challenges \_\_\_\_\_ directly affect trade and commerce.  
 (A) thats (B) who  
 (C) which (D) whence

**Q.66.85** In the following questions some have error and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and mark the answer to the appropriate letter (A), (B) and (C). If there is no error, mark your answer as (D).

**Q.66** Noor threw some water (A) on the electric heater when (B) it caught fire. (C) No error (D)

**Q.67** The mind, reside in a body that (A) has become weakened by (B) pampering, is also weak. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.68** The desire to escape normal life and (A) do something different that (B) engage the mind, body and spirit is in all of us. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.69** When the party tried to pass the (A) women reservation Bill, intransigent (B) parties like SP carried much more weight. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.70** Properly harnessed, the talents that (A) so many of them display could be (B) put to use for the benefit of its home country. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.71** The solution lies not in the creation (A) of yet more sarkari jobs and adding to an (B) already bloated bureaucracy. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.72** Ideas and inspiration flash (A) freely in a pure mind to transform (B) information in knowledge. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.73** It is easy for a father to have (A) children than for the children (B) to have a real father. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.74** A basic requirement for (A) formation of new states (B) is their economic viability. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.75** If you nurture your (A) mind, body and spirit, (B) your time will expanding. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.76** A joyful heart is likely the sunshine (A) of God's love, the hope of (B) eternal happiness, and the burning flame of Go(D) (C) No Error (D)

**Q.77** Faith is the ray of sunshine that (A) lights in the dark, deep (B) caverns of the human heart. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.78** What makes the selective (A) hearing syndrome dangerous (B) is that it is contagious. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.79** Self-review will (A) free our mind (B) of all obstructions. (C) No Error (D)

**Q.80** No method of making other (A) people agree to his view point (B) is as effective as this method (C) No error (D)

**Q.81** At least seven persons killed and over 50 (A) others injured when a tram derailed inside a tunnel (B) in south London during an early morning rainstorm. (C) No Error (D)

GMR got Rs 1330 cr loan from Axis Bank for developing Mopa, Goa airport

**Q.82** Keep your face always to (A)/ the sunshine — and (B)/ shadows will fall behind you. (C)/ No Error (D)

**Q.83** England captain won the (A)/ toss and elected to bat in the (B)/ first cricket Test with India (C)/ No Error (D)

**Q.84** Air India has decided to use its empty aircraft (A)/ returning from necessary checks at MRO facility, (B)/ as a additional flight to Mumbai on November 10. (C)/ No Error (D)

**Q.85** The wholesale dealers said (A)/ that post-harvest waste (B)/ was maximum in banana (C)/ No Error (D)

**Q.86.106** In questions given below, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive form' Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active form.

**Q.86** English is taught here.  
(A) Someone teaches English there.  
(B) Teacher teaches English here.  
(C) Teacher teach English there.  
(D) English is taught here by the teacher.

**Q.87** Who has invented the bulb?  
(A) Who has the bulb been invented by?  
(B) By whom has the bulb invented?  
(C) By who has the bulb been invented?  
(D) By whom has the bulb be invented?

**Q.88** Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru is the first prime minister of India.  
(A) The first prime minister of India is Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru.  
(B) It should be said that Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru is the first prime minister of India.  
(C) It is said that Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru is the first prime minister of India.  
(D) It was said that Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru is the first prime minister of India.

**Q.89** We decided to complete our task first today.  
(A) It is decided by us to complete our task first today.  
(B) It was decided to complete our task first today.  
(C) It decided that to complete our task first today.  
(D) It had been decided to complete our task first today.

**Q.90** I am to sing a song for you in this grand party.

**Q.91** Rose smells sweet.  
(A) Rose has sweetness when it is smelt.  
(B) Rose is sweet when it is smelt.  
(C) The smell of a rose is sweet.  
(D) Sweet is the smell of rose.

**Q.92** Rahul writes a letter.  
(A) A letter is being written by Rahul.  
(B) A letter was written by Rahul.  
(C) A letter has been written by Rahul.  
(D) A letter is written by Rahul.

**Q.93** I want to buy a car.  
(A) A car is wanted by me to buy.  
(B) I want a car to be bought.  
(C) A car is bought by me which I wanted.  
(D) A car is bought by me.

**Q.94** There is no game to play.  
(A) There is no game to be played.  
(B) A game to be played there.  
(C) A game is to be played there.  
(D) There to play game is no one.

**Q.95** Don't do it for me and for all.  
(A) Let it not be done for I and for all.  
(B) Let it not been done for me and for all.  
(C) Let it not be done for me and for all.  
(D) Let it not done for me and for all.

**Q.96** Call the servant immediately.  
(A) Let the servant being called immediately.  
(B) The servant should be called immediately.  
(C) The servant be called immediately.  
(D) Let the servant be called immediately.

**Q.97** A book was being written by him.  
(A) He was being writing a book.  
(B) He was writing a book.  
(C) He was written a book.  
(D) He had been writing a book.

Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin remain on top of ICC Test bowlers rankings

**Q.98** The report was sent yesterday.  
(A) The report was sent.  
(B) Someone sends the report yesterday.  
(C) Someone sent the report yesterday.  
(D) The report had been sent yesterday.

**Q.99** I draw a picture  
(A) A picture is drawn by I.  
(B) A picture is drawn to me.  
(C) A picture is drawn by me.  
(D) A picture is being drawn by me.

**Q.100** The police didn't find the thief yesterday.  
(A) The thief was found by the police yesterday.  
(B) The thief had not been found by the police yesterday.  
(C) The thief was being not found by the police yesterday.  
(D) The thief was not found by the police yesterday.

**Q.101** Vinod has submitted his documents.  
(A) His documents has submitted by Vinod.  
(B) His documents have been submitted by Vinod.  
(C) His documents has been submitted by Vinod.  
(D) His documents has being submitted by Vinod.

**Q.102** The police looked into the matter.  
(A) The matter was looked into by the police.  
(B) The matter was looked by the police.  
(C) The matter was looked into the police.  
(D) The matter was look into by the police.

**Q.103** She was looked after by her grandfather.  
(A) Her grandfather was looked after her.  
(B) Her grandfather looked after her.  
(C) Her grandfather looked after by her.  
(D) Her grandfather looked by her.

**Q.104** I ate an apple.  
(A) An apple is eaten by me.  
(B) An apple was eaten by him.  
(C) An apple has been eaten by me.  
(D) An apple was eaten by me.

**Q.105** Someone has cleaned the room.  
(A) The room has been cleaned by him.  
(B) The room have been cleaned.

**Q.106** The room has been cleaned.  
(D) The room is being cleaned by someone.

**Q.107-125** In questions given below, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect form' Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct form.

**Q.107** Vivek said, "I want to talk to Tanya."  
(A) Vivek told that he wanted to talk to Tanya.  
(B) Vivek said to me that he wanted to talk to Tanya.  
(C) Vivek said that he wanted to talk to Tanya.  
(D) Vivek said that he has wanted to talk to Tanya.

**Q.108** "The earth moves round the sun", said the teacher to the students.  
(A) The teacher told the students that the earth moved round the sun.  
(B) The teacher told the students that the earth moves round the sun.  
(C) The teacher told the students whether the earth moves round the sun.  
(D) The teacher told the students that the earth has moved round the sun.

**Q.109** Arjun said, "What a nice car!"  
(A) Arjun exclaimed that it was a car.  
(B) Arjun exclaimed that it is a very nice car.  
(C) Arjun said that it was a very nice car.  
(D) Arjun exclaimed that it was a very nice car.

**Q.110** I said to him, "When will you come back from Japan?"  
(A) I asked him when he would come back from Japan.  
(B) I asked to him when he would come back from Japan.  
(C) I asked him when would he come back from Japan.  
(D) I asked him when he would came back from Japan.

Ravi Shastri has been appointed as the head coach of Indian cricket team

**Q.111** Vineet said to a child, "Come here."

(A) Vineet ordered a child to go here.  
(B) Vineet ordered a child to come there.  
(C) Vineet ordered a child to go there.  
(D) Vineet ordered a child that to go there.

**Q.112** Arjun said to me, "I am going to my house now."

(A) Arjun told me that he was been going to his house then.  
(B) Arjun told to me that he was going to his house then.  
(C) Arjun told me that he was going to his house then.  
(D) Arjun told me that he was gone to his house then.

**Q.113** The teacher said, "students, I shall give you a test in English today."

(A) The teacher said the students that he would give them a test in English that day.  
(B) The teacher told the students that he would give them a test in English that day.  
(C) The teacher told the students that he should give them a test in English that day.  
(D) The teacher told the students that he shall give a test in English that day.

**Q.114** Anju said to me, "Will you come home in the evening?"

(A) Arjun asked me if I would come home in the evening.  
(B) Arjun asked me that I would come home in the evening.  
(C) Arjun asked me if he would come home in the evening.  
(D) Arjun asked me if I shall come home in the evening.

**Q.115** The police said to the people, "We have caught the dacoit and he will be presented before the judge soon."

(A) The police told the people that they have caught the dacoit and he would be presented before the judge soon.  
(B) The police told the people that they had caught the dacoit and he would be presented before the judge soon.  
(C) The police told the people that they had caught the dacoit and he will be presented before the judge soon.

**Q.116** The police told the people that if they had caught the dacoit and they would be presented before the judge soon.

(A) The manager told the peon to come in the visitor.  
(B) The manager told the peon that let the visitor come in.  
(C) The manager said the peon to let the visitor come in.  
(D) The manager ordered the peon to let the visitor come in.

**Q.117** Rohan advised his younger brother to work hard lest he should fail.

(A) Rohan said to his younger brother, " Hard work lest you should fail."  
(B) Rohan said to his younger brother, "Work hard lest you should fail."  
(C) Rohan said to his younger brother that work hard lest you should fail."  
(D) Rohan told his brother, "Work hard lest he should fail."

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(D) Rohan told his brother, "Work hard lest he should fail."

**Q.119** The officer said to his servant, "Go away and leave the office at once."

(A) The officer requested to his servant to go away and leave the office at once.  
(B) The officer ordered his servant to go to away and leave the office at once.  
(C) The officer ordered to his servant to go away and leave the office at once.  
(D) The officer ordered to his servant to go away and to leave the office at once.

**Q.120** The teacher said, "Good morning, class!"

(A) The teacher bade his class and said good morning.  
(B) The teacher bade to his class good morning.  
(C) The teacher blessed his class good morning.  
(D) The teacher bade his class good morning.

**Q.121** He said, "What a beautiful weather it is!"

(A) He exclaimed to me that it was a very beautiful weather.  
(B) He exclaimed that it is a very beautiful weather.  
(C) He exclaimed that it was a very beautiful weather.  
(D) He exclaimed that it was a very beautifully weather.

**Q.121** The captain said, "Bravo! Well done, boys!"  
(A) The captain applaud the boys saying that they had done well.  
(B) The captain applauded the boys saying that they had done well.  
(C) The captain told the boys saying that they had done well.  
(D) The captain applauded the boys and said they had done well.

**Q.122** I said to him, "Do not smoke."  
(A) I advised him do not to smoke.  
(B) I advised him not to smoking.  
(C) I advised him not to smoke.  
(D) I advised him to not smoke.

**Q.123** Sweety said, "What a beautiful child this is!"  
(A) Sweety exclaimed that that child was very beautiful.  
(B) Sweety exclaimed that that child is very beautiful.  
(C) Sweety said that that child was very beautiful.  
(D) Sweety exclaimed that that child was greatly beautiful.

**Q.124** The stranger said to me, "Have you ever been to Goa?"  
(A) The stranger asked me if I has ever been to Goa.  
(B) The stranger asked me if I have ever been to Goa.  
(C) The stranger asked me if I had ever been to Goa.  
(D) The stranger asked me if had I ever been to Goa.

**Q.125** Her friend said to her, "Can you spend some time with me?"  
(A) Her friend asked her if could she spend some time with her.  
(B) Her friend asked her if she can spend some time with her.  
(C) Her friend asked her if she ought to spend some time with her.  
(D) Her friend asked her if she could spend some time with her.

**Q.126.130** In the questions given below, choose the word most similar in meaning to the given word and mark your answer.

**Q.126** ramble

(A) knot (B) confuse  
(C) wander (D) wonder

**Q.127** rake  
(A) thin (B) scratch  
(C) gentleman (D) shovel

**Q.128** rail  
(A) scold (B) push (C) try (D) approve

**Q.129** antediluvian  
(A) antiquated (B) parched  
(C) non-sectarian (D) nonsensical

**Q.130** picayune  
(A) tumid (B) spicy (C) paltry (D) southern

**Q.131.135.** In the questions given below, choose the word most opposite in meaning to the given word and mark your answer.

**Q.131** rotund  
(A) round (B) unimportant  
(C) thin (D) dull

**Q.132** expound  
(A) besmirch (B) confuse  
(C) confine (D) condemn

**Q.133** pique  
(A) value (B) gully (C) smooth (D) soothe

**Q.134** philistine  
(A) novice (B) cultured  
(C) pious (D) debutante

**Q.135** rebuke  
(A) revile (B) praise  
(C) flamboyant (D) return

**Q.136.140.** Which of the following best expresses the meaning of the given Idiom/phrases and mark your answer.

**Q.136** A penny for your thoughts  
(A) Thoughts not practical enough  
(B) one to be penalised for thinking out of the context  
(C) one to be paid for telling his thoughts  
(D) To ask a person what he is thinking

**Q.137** At the drop of a hat  
(A) To do the job forcefully  
(B) To do the job eventually  
(C) To do the job instantly  
(D) To do the job without any interest

Forensic expert Pakkiriswamy Chandra Sekharan passes away

**Q.138** Back to the drawing board

(A) When an attempt succeeds and it's time to pack up  
(B) When an attempt fails and it's time to start all over  
(C) When an attempt succeeds and it's time to start all over  
(D) To make the drawing again

**Q.139** Ball is in your court

(A) The ball has reached the court  
(B) A person has lost the battle  
(C) It is up to you to make the next decision  
(D) You can't take the decision now

**Q.140** Jump on the bandwagon

(A) Join a popular trend or activity  
(B) Dance with the band  
(C) Jump with the band  
(D) Join a popular band

**Q.141.145. In questions below out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given sentence and mark it as your answer.****Q.141** The action of looking within or into one's own mind  
(A) amateur (B) agnostic  
(C) auditing (D) introspection**Q.142** One incapable of being tired

(A) indefatigable (B) tetrad  
(C) strong (D) colossal

**Q.143** A day when trade is prohibited statutorily

(A) lawyer's day (B) gala day  
(C) trade's day (D) merchant's day

**Q.144** A remedy which never fails

(A) infallible (B) legal  
(C) profound (D) expert

**Q.145** The property of a sacred place

(A) piety (B) holy (C) sacrilege (D) sacred

**Q.146.150. In the questions given below, choose the word most similar in meaning to the given word and mark your answer.****Q.146** irksome

(A) outrageous (B) fearsome  
(C) impoverished (D) annoying

**Q.147** despise

(A) abhor (B) devalue  
(C) erroneous (D) covet

**Q.148** impugn

(A) imply (B) fret  
(C) assail (D) recalcitrant

**Q.149** supervene

(A) intervene (B) overreach  
(C) displace (D) follow

**Q.150** propinquity

(A) habit (B) nearness  
(C) capacity (D) tendency

**Q.151.155. In the questions given below, choose the word most opposite in meaning to the given word and mark your answer.****Q.151** winsome

(A) dour (B) attractive  
(C) mysterious (D) clever

**Q.152** droll

(A) forget (B) charm (C) sedate (D) funny

**Q.153** lugubrious

(A) quick (B) cheerful  
(C) salubrious (D) dry

**Q.154** vivacity

(A) inelegance (B) vigor  
(C) energy (D) listlessness

**Q.155** recondite

(A) obvious (B) flexible  
(C) provident (D) sociable

**Q.156.160. Which of the following best expresses the meaning of the given Idiom/phrases and mark your answer.****Q.156** Bolt from the blue

(A) Sudden shock (B) To get punched  
(C) To lose a tight game (D) To ask for help

**Q.157** To weather the storm

(A) To criticize someone (B) To survive a crisis  
(C) To be an introvert (D) To guess correctly

**Q.158** To wear the trousers

(A) to dress nicely (B) To dominate  
(C) to flaunt (D) to exploit

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**Q.171** (A) promising (B) promised  
(C) alluring (D) ominous

**Q.172** (A) at (B) in (C) into (D) along

**Q.173** (A) pleased (B) excited  
(C) shattered (D) shattering

**Q.174** (A) can (B) could (C) would (D) might

**Q.175** (A) back (B) into (C) in (D) about

**Q.176** (A) shared (B) shares  
(C) has shared (D) is sharing

**Q.177** (A) honking (B) rustling  
(C) susurration (D) whispering

**Q.178** (A) one (B) two (C) no (D) some

**Q.179** (A) in (B) on (C) at (D) into

**Q.180** (A) assumed (B) decided  
(C) thought (D) acted

**Q.181.190.**

St. John's Church, originally a (181), was among the first public buildings (182) by the East India Company after Kolkata became the capital of British India. Located in the heart of Kolkata's heritage centre, Dalhousie Square, the church was (183) in 1787 using funds (184) through a public lottery. An (185) Parish Church of Bengal, St. John's Church became the principal Cathedral of Calcutta in 1815, and remained so until the (186) of St. Paul's Cathedral in 1874. The church is a (187) repository of old memories and historic (188) related to the history of Kolkata. The land on which St. John's Church was built was Kolkata's (189) burial ground where Job Charnock—the founder of Kolkata—was (190) with his family.

**Q.181** (A) church (B) pope  
(C) cathedral (D) temple

**Q.182** (A) destroyed (B) erected  
(C) digged (D) marked

**Q.183** (A) distributed (B) constituted  
(C) constructed (D) consisted

**Q.184** (A) raised (B) erased  
(C) rephrased (D) made

**Q.185** (A) axiomatic (B) evident  
(C) original (D) concrete

**Q.186** (A) consecration (B) holy  
(C) sacred (D) separation

**Q.187** (A) dismal (B) poor (C) anoxic (D) rich

**Q.188** (A) remains (B) reservoir  
(C) reposite (D) deposit

**Q.189** (A) Erstwhile (B) former  
(C) previous (D) next

**Q.190** (A) exhume (B) revealed  
(C) take out (D) buried

**Q.191.200.**

One of the (191) we have to face is that of unemployment. It is a big problem, a human problem, which we cannot (192). Yet in looking (193) it, it has to be remembered that merely giving some kind of occupation to a large number of people does not ultimately increase employment or lessen unemployment. Employment comes by newer and more effective means of wealth production. The whole experience and history of the past 200 years shows that it comes (194) the growth of technological methods. Do not imagine that we can effectively deal (195) the problem of unemployment without (196). We cannot. Every country which boasts of (197) employment is a country which is technologically advanced. Every country which is not technologically advanced has unemployment or under-employment. Therefore, if India is to advance, she must advance in science and technology. The fact is that our poverty is (198) our backwardness in science and technology. If we (199) that backwardness we create not only wealth (200) employment.

**Q.191** (A) major problem (B) major problems  
(C) main problem (D) serious problem

**Q.192** (A) ignore (B) avoid  
(C) overlooked (D) neglect

**Q.193** (A) to (B) after (C) at (D) on

**Q.194** (A) by (B) through  
(C) for (D) from

**Q.195** (A) in (B) off (C) about (D) with

**Q.196** (A) technological progress  
(B) technical progress  
(C) technological temper  
(D) technical temper

**Q.197** (A) complete (B) totally  
(C) full (D) ultimate

**Q.198** (A) due to (B) owing  
(C) because (D) on account of

**Q.199** (A) treat (B) remedy (C) remove (D) eradicate

**Q.200** (A) but (B) but also (C) but even (D) and also

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Q.1 (A)	Q.2 (A)	Q.3 (A)	Q.82 (A) – use ‘towards’	Q.135. (B) crepsular
Q.4 (A)	Q.5 (A)	Q.6 (A)	Q.83 (C) – use ‘against’ instead of ‘with’	Q.136. (D) Q.137. (C) Q.138. (B)
Q.7 (A)	Q.8 (A)	Q.9 (A)	Q.84 (C) – use ‘an’ instead of ‘a’	Q.139. (C) Q.140. (A)
Q.10 (D)	Q.11 (A)	Q.12 (A)	Q.85 (D) – No Error	Q.141. (D) Introspection
Q.13 (A)	Q.14 (C)	Q.15 (D)	Q.86 (B) Q.87 (A) Q.88 (C)	Q.142. (A) Indefatigable
Q.16 (A)	Q.17 (A)	Q.18 (C)	Q.89 (B) Q.90 (C) Q.91 (B)	Q.143. (B) Gala day
Q.19 (D)	Q.20 (A)	Q.21 (A)	Q.92 (D) Q.93 (B) Q.94 (A)	Q.144. (A) Infallible
Q.22 (A)	Q.23 (A)	Q.24 (A)	Q.95 (C) Q.96 (D) Q.97 (B)	Q.145. (C) sacrilege
Q.25 (A)	Q.26 (A)	Q.27 (A)	Q.98 (C) Q.99 (C) Q.100 (D)	For other option: Piety (N) - devotion, religiousness
Q.28 (B)	Q.29 (D)	Q.30 (A)	Q.101 (B) Q.102 (A) Q.103 (B)	Q.146. (D) annoying
Q.31 (A)	Q.32 (B)	Q.33 (C)	Q.104 (D) Q.105 (C) Q.106 (A)	For other option: Outrageous (Adj) - very bad
Q.34 (B)	Q.35 (C)	Q.36 (A)	Q.107 (C) Q.108 (B) Q.109 (D)	Q.147. (A) abhor
Q.37 (D)	Q.38 (D)	Q.39 (B)	Q.110 (A) Q.111 (C) Q.112 (C)	For other option: Erroneous (Adj) - wrong, incorrect
Q.40 (C)	Q.41 (A)	Q.42 (B)	Q.113 (C) Q.114 (A) Q.115 (B)	Covet (V) - desire strongly
Q.43 (D)	Q.44 (B)	Q.45 (B)	Q.116 (D) Q.117 (B) Q.118 (C)	Q.148. (C) assail
Q.46 (B)	Q.47 (C)	Q.48 (B)	Q.119 (D) Q.120 (C) Q.121 (B)	For other option: Fret (V) - worry, be annoyed
Q.49 (A)	Q.50 (B)	Q.51 (B)	Q.122 (C) Q.123 (A) Q.124 (C)	Q.149. (D) follow
Q.52 (D)	Q.53 (B)	Q.54 (C)	Q.125 (D)	Intervene (V) - mediate
Q.55 (B)	Q.56 (A)	Q.57 (C)	Q.126. (C) wander	Q.150. (B) nearness
Q.58 (B)	Q.59 (D)	Q.60 (A)	Q.127. (B) scratch	Q.151. (A) dour
Q.61 (C)	Q.62 (B)	Q.63 (A)	For other option: Shovel (N) - spade	Q.152. (C) sedate
Q.64 (B)	Q.65 (C)		Q.128. (A) scold	Q.153. (B) cheerful
Q.66 (D)	No error		Q.129. (A) antiquated	For other option: Parched (Adj) - dry
Q.67 (A)	– use ‘residing’		For other option: Nonsensical (Adj) - absurd	Q.154. (D) listlessness
Q.68 (C)	– use ‘engages’		Q.130. (C) paltry	Q.155. (A) obvious
Q.69 (B)	– use ‘women’s’		Q.131. (C) thin	For other option: Salubrious (Adj) - health-giving
Q.70 (C)	– use ‘their’		Q.132. (B) confuse	Q.156. (A) Q.157. (B)
Q.71 (D)	– No Error		For other option: Besmirch (V) - taint	Q.158. (B) Q.159. (A)
Q.72 (C)	– use ‘to’ instead of ‘in’		Q.133. (D) soothe	Q.160. (A)
Q.73 (A)	– use ‘easier’		Q.134. (B) cultured	
Q.74 (D)	– No Error		For other option: Pious (Adj) - dedicated, religious	
Q.75 (C)	– use ‘expand’		Debutante (N) - young woman	
Q.76 (A)	– use ‘like’			
Q.77 (B)	– use ‘up’ instead of ‘in’			
Q.78 (D)	– No Error			
Q.79 (D)	‘from’ should replace ‘of’			
Q.80 (A)	‘No other method’ should be used			
Q.81 (A)	– use ‘were killed’			

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**Q.161. (A)** moron

For other option:

Ludicrous (Adj) - absurd, ridiculous

**Q.162. (B)** evacuate**Q.163. (D)** polyglot

For other option:

Antagonist (N) - person causing problem

**Q.164. (A)** binger

For other option:

Irresistible (Adj) - compelling; inescapable

**Q.165. (D)** connoisseur**Q.166. (B)** **Q.167. (A)****Q.168. (D)** **Q.169. (B)****Q.170. (C)****Q.171. (A)** promising

For other option:

Ominous (Adj) - menacing, foreboding

Alluring (Adj) - attractive

**Q.172. (B)** in**Q.173. (C)** shattered**Q.174. (C)** would**Q.175. (A)** back**Q.176. (B)** shares**Q.177. (A)** honking

For other option:

Susurration (N) - murmur

**Q.178. (C)** no**Q.179. (A)** in**Q.180. (B)** decided**Q.181. (C)** Cathedral because it relates to originality of church.**Q.182. (B)** Erected because it means establishment of something.**Q.183. (C)** Constructed because it relates to building something.**Q.184. (A)** Raised because funds are raised for some cause.**Q.185. (C)** Original because it relates to the first established church.**Q.186. (A)** Consecration because it relates to building something for religious purpose.**Q.187. (D)** Rich because it relates the high level of repository.**Q.188. (A)** Remains because it means whatever left.**Q.189. (B)** Former because it talks about ancient burial grounds.**Q.190. (D)** Buried because it relates to the ritual performed after death.**Q.191. (B)** major problems**Q.192. (A)** ignore**Q.193. (C)** at**Q.194. (B)** through**Q.195. (D)** with**Q.196. (A)** technological progress**Q.197. (C)** full**Q.198. (A)** due to**Q.199. (B)** remedy

For other option:

Eradicate (V) - destroy; remove

**Q.200. (B)** but also

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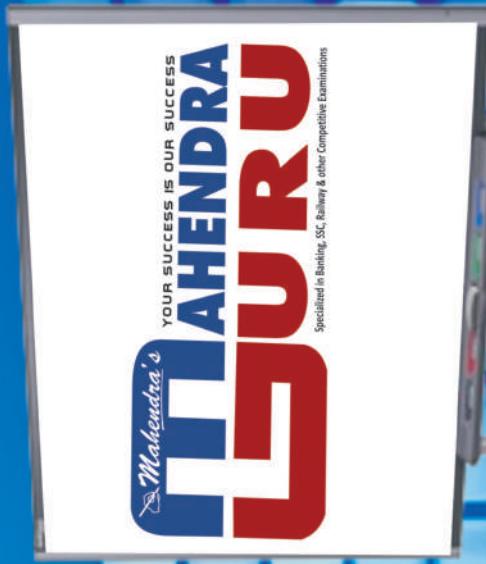
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## REASONING

**Q.1-5.** In the following questions, the symbols \$, %, @, & and # are used with the following meaning as illustrated below.

- (1) 'A # B' means 'Some B are not A'.
- (2) 'A % B' means 'All A are B'.
- (3) 'A & B' means 'No A is B'.
- (4) 'A @ B' means 'Some A are not B'.
- (5) 'A \$ B' means 'Some A are B'.

You have to consider the given statement to be true then you have to analyse which of the following conclusion is definitely false.

**Q.1. Statement: P&Q\$R%S#T**

**Conclusion:**

- (1) R%P
- (2) R%T
- (3) T#Q
- (4) Q%S
- (5) P%R

**Q.2. Statement: P&Q\$R%S#T**

**Conclusion:**

- (1) Q#S
- (2) T#P
- (3) P#S
- (4) S#P
- (5) R&Q

**Q.3. Statement: S%T\$R&M\$N%J\$Q**

**Conclusion:**

- (1) Q\$R
- (2) S@N
- (3) N%T
- (4) M@S
- (5) J%R

**Q.4. Statement: S%T\$R&M\$N%J\$Q**

**Conclusion:**

- (1) N\$Q
- (2) R%S
- (3) J@M
- (4) T%M
- (5) T@M

**Q.5. Statement: W\$X&Z%Y**

**Conclusion:**

- (1) X&Y
- (2) Z\$X
- (3) Z%W
- (4) X\$W
- (5) Y\$X

**Q.6-10. Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.**

**Q.6.** Which of the following symbols should be placed in the blank spaces respectively in order to complete the given expression in such a manner that makes the expression 'B < D' and 'O > M' definitely true?

**B \_ C \_ D \_ O \_ P \_ M**

- (1) <, <, <, ≥, =
- (2) =, <, <, ≥, =
- (3) ≤, ≤, =, =, >
- (4) >, <, >, <, >
- (5) <, <, >, >, ≥

**Q.7.** Which of the following expression will be false if the statement 'J ≤ R = T > P > Q' is definitely true?

- (1) J < T
- (2) T > Q
- (3) R > P
- (4) J < P
- (5) R = P

**Q.8.** Which of the following symbols should be filled in the given space, in order to make expression 'H > V', 'A > O' definitely true?

**H > Y = B > A ≥ X \_ I ≥ O > V**

- (1) >
- (2) ≥
- (3) <
- (4) ≤
- (5) =

**Q.9.** What symbols should be filled in the given spaces in order to make the given expression 'A ≥ B' definitely true?

**C \_ D \_ A \_ T \_ N \_ Y \_ B**

- (1) >, <, ≥, =, <
- (2) >, <, <, ≥, ≥, ≥
- (3) >, ≥, ≤, =, ≤
- (4) <, <, ≥, =, ≥, =
- (5) =, <, >, ≥, ≥, <

**Q.10.** Which of the following expression will be true if the statement Z > U = X ≥ O < I is definitely true?

- (1) X > I
- (2) Z < O
- (3) Z ≤ X
- (4) U < Z
- (5) U < I

**Q.11-15. Each of the following questions are based on the following informations -**

- (a) A ÷ B means A is to the north of B.
- (b) A × B means A is to the south of B.
- (c) A + B means A is to the east of B.
- (d) A - B means A is to the west B.

**Q.11.** According to "L-T-Q×M×N÷O÷M×J÷N-R÷L", Q is in which direction with respect to J?

- (1) North-East
- (2) North
- (3) South
- (4) Can't be determined
- (5) None of these

**Q.12.** According to "L-T-Q×M×N÷O÷M×J÷N-R÷L", O is in which direction with respect to Q?

- (1) North-East
- (2) North
- (3) South
- (4) Can't be determined
- (5) None of these

**Q.13.** According to "L-T-Q×M×N÷O÷M×J÷N-R÷L", R is in which direction with respect to M?

- (1) North-East
- (2) North
- (3) South
- (4) Can't be determined
- (5) None of these

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**Q.14.** According to “P÷Q×R+S-T”, Q is in which direction with respect to P?

- East
- North-East
- South-East
- Can't be determined
- None of these

**Q.15.** According to “P÷Q×R+S-T”, if T is East to R then find out Q is in which direction with respect to S?

- South-West
- North-East
- South-East
- Can't be determined
- None of these

**Q.16-20. In a class of boys and girls, Joya is 7 from the top and Rihan is 14 from top. Joya is 4 from top and 8 from bottom among girls. Rihan is 8 from top and 11 from bottom among boys. Now as per the information given above answer the following questions.**

**Q.16.** How many students are there in the row?

- 31
- 30
- 33
- None of these
- Can't be determined

**Q.17.** How many girls are ranked below Rihan?

- 5
- 6
- 7
- None of these
- Can't be determined

**Q.18.** How many boys and girls are ranked between Joya and Rihan?

- 1 boy and 5 girls
- 5 boys and 1 girl
- 4 boys and 2 girls
- None of these
- Can't be determined

**Q.19.** Maximum how many boys can be ranked in this group till position number 13?

- 12
- 3
- 7
- 6
- None of these

**Q.20.** Minimum how many girls can be exist till position number 12?

- 1
- 5
- 3
- 4
- None of these

**Q.21-25. Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.**

English alphabets have been arranged into five groups starting with a vowel and including the consonants just after it. Thus in the first group, the letters are A, B, C and D in the second group E, F, G, and H, and so on. In these groups, the first group

has been assigned a numerical value 10, second 20 and so on with the last group having a value of 50. Each letter in a particular group will have the same value in the formation of words, and for calculating the value of the words the value of each letter in the word will be added. If in a group all the letters belong to same group then the value of the word can be obtained by multiplying the value of the group and number of letters, if the letters of the word are from different groups then the value of the first letter and any letter of that group will be same but the value of the letters after the first letter will be twice the value of the group. As an example: the value of 'CAB' is 30 (i.e. 10 + 10 + 10), because all the letters are of the same group, whose value is 10. While the value of 'BUT' will be 10 + (50 × 2) + (40 × 2) = 190.

**Q.21.** What is the value of the word 'SHOP'?

- 100
- 80
- 50
- 160
- None of these

**Q.22.** What is the value of the word 'DRIVE'?

- 150
- 180
- 280
- 290
- None of these

**Q.23.** What is the value of the word 'IBPS'?

- 200
- 210
- 170
- 320
- None of these

**Q.24.** What is the value of the word 'PUNEET'?

- 160
- 280
- 310
- 330
- None of these

**Q.25.** What is the value of the word 'SING'?

- 120
- 400
- 200
- 190
- None of these

**Q.26-30. Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:**

Twelve people are sitting in two parallel rows containing six people in such a way that there is an equal distance between adjacent persons. In Row-I- F, B, Z, D, E and M are seated and all of them are facing north. In row-II- P, K, H, S, T and G are seated and all of them are facing south. Therefore, in the given seating arrangement each member seated in a row faces opposite of another member of the other row. G sits third to the right of S, S is sitting opposite of M.

D is sitting third to the right of Z.

H is sitting opposite of Z.

The one who is sitting opposite to E sits third to the right of P.

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**Q33.** Which element comes in step-3 in the First column of second row?  
(1) No One      (2) BC8      (3) NU2  
(4) QR7      (5) None of these

**Q34.** Which element comes in step-3 in the Second column of first row?  
(1) W3      (2) BC8      (3) QR7  
(4) XE3      (5) None of these

**Q35.** Which element comes in step-1 in the Second column of third row?  
(1) MN7      (2) BC8      (3) MN5  
(4) QR6      (5) None of these

**Q.36-38.** X is mother of Q . Y is wife of Q . N is only brother of Q . C is married to N . Z is the only child of C . N does not have any sister . J is the father of Y .

**Q.36.** If Y does not have any grand son , then how is Z related to Q ?  
(1) Cousin      (2) Uncle      (3) Brother  
(4) Sister      (5) Can not be determined

**Q.37.** How is N related to Y.  
(1) Mother in law      (2) Son in law  
(3) Daughter in law      (4) None of these  
(5) Can not be determined

**Q.38.** How is C related to X.  
(1) Mother in law      (2) Son in law  
(3) Daughter in law      (4) Daughter  
(5) Can not be determined

**Q.39-40.** Point N is 8m to the west of O . Point P is 4m to the south of O . Point Q is 4m to the east of P . Point R is 6m to the north of point Q . Point S is 8m to the west of point R . Point T is 2m to the south of point S .

**Q.39.** How far and in which direction is point T from point N ?  
(1) 4m East      (2) 4m West      (3) 8m West  
(4) 8m East      (5) 6m East

**Q.40.** If point T is 4m to the north of point E then what is the distance between E and Q .  
(1) 8m      (2) 4m      (3) 2m  
(4) 6m      (5) None of these



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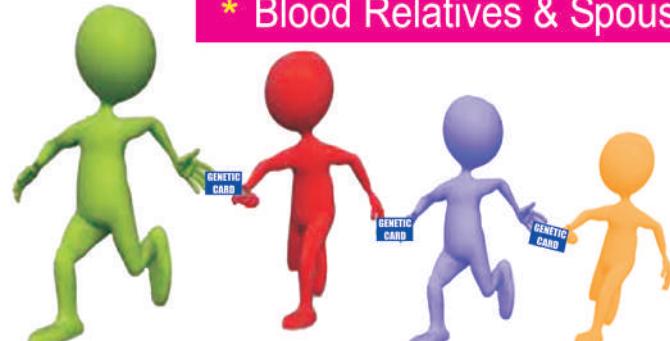
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## NUMERICAL ABILITY

**Q.41-45. Read the following information carefully and answer the question asked-**

In a college number of boys is 40% more than number of girls. In annual exam students can pass in three grades i.e. I<sup>st</sup>, II<sup>nd</sup> and III<sup>rd</sup> some students were not able to participate in the examination.

20 boys and 25 girls did not participated in the exam and 20% of remaining of boys and 12% of remaining girls failed. 40% of total girls passed the exam with first division which is 6 less than the number of boys passed in same division. 20% of total boys passed in second division which is 26 less than the number of boys who passed the exam with third division. Number of girls who passed in second division and third division is equal and equals to 61.

**Q.41.** Find the total number of students who passed the exam with second division.

(1) 155      (2) 135      (3) 165  
(4) 145      (5) None of these

**Q.42.** Find the respective ratio between number of boys who passed in second division to number of girls who failed in the examination -

(1) 28 : 11      (2) 26 : 11      (3) 28 : 13  
(4) 17 : 11      (5) None of these

**Q.43.** Find the passing percentage of boys ?

(1)  $71\frac{2}{3}\%$       (2)  $75\frac{3}{4}\%$       (3)  $76\frac{4}{21}\%$   
(4)  $72\frac{5}{26}\%$       (5) None of these

**Q.44.** Find the overall passing percentage of students (Both Boys and Girls) (approx)-

(1) 72      (2) 65      (3) 70      (4) 78      (5) 82

**Q.45.** The number of boys who passed in third division is how much percent less than the number of girls who passed in first division -

(1)  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$       (2)  $8\frac{1}{3}\%$       (3)  $16\frac{2}{3}\%$   
(4) 10%      (5) None of these

**Q.46-50.** In each of the following questions two equations are given. You have to solve both the equation and find out the values of x and y and establish the correct relationship between them.

**Give answer -**

(1) If  $x > y$       (2) If  $x < y$   
(3) If  $x \geq y$       (4) If  $x \leq y$

(5)  $x = y$  or relationship can not be established

**Q.46.** I.  $\frac{11}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{6}{\sqrt{x}} = (x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

II.  $(y)^{10} - (25)^5 = 0$

**Q.47.** I.  $7x + 3y = 218$

II.  $3(5x - 2y) = 789$

**Q.48.** I.  $3x^2 - 13x + 14 = 0$

II.  $y^2 - 7y + 12 = 0$

**Q.49.** I.  $15x = (14)^2 + \sqrt{289} + 15 + 3x$

II.  $12y - 612 = 7y - 384$

**Q.50.** I.  $(484)^{\frac{1}{2}} x^2 - 96 = (16)^2$

II.  $\sqrt{144}y^2 + (7)^3 = 391$

**Q.51.** If difference between the simple interest and compound interest on a certain sum of money for 3 years at the rate of 12.5% per annum is 25. Find the sum of money?

(1) Rs.500      (2) Rs.572      (3) Rs.512  
(4) Rs.524      (5) Rs.544

**Q.52.** In a bag there are 5 Red, 4 Blue and 3 Yellow balls if 3 balls are drawn at random then what is the probability that all 3 balls are of Red colour or there is 1 Yellow and 2 Blue balls?

(1)  $\frac{7}{55}$       (2)  $\frac{5}{8}$       (3)  $\frac{3}{7}$   
(4)  $\frac{17}{24}$       (5) None of these

**Q.53.** If the ratio of speed of train, car and bus is 6:5:3 and bus covers a distance of d km. in 4 hours, where d is the 4000% of the product of first even and first odd prime numbers. What is the difference between speed of the train and car?

(1) 20 km/hr.      (2) 30 km/hr.      (3) 40 km/hr.  
(4) 50 km/hr.      (5) None of these

**Q.54.** The present age of Sheena is six times that of present age of Gita. After 10 years, the ratio between Sheena and Riya is 2: 1. If Riya celebrated her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday 6 years before. Then what is the age of Gita after 8 years?

(1) 23 years      (2) 5 years      (3) 8 years  
(4) 13 years      (5) Can't be determined

**Q.55.** A train 450 meter long moving at a speed of 60 kmph crosses a 325 meter long train coming from opposite

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direction in 18 seconds. What is the speed of second train?

(1) 40 kmph      (2)  $35\frac{1}{6}$  kmph      (3) 95 kmph  
 (4) 42 kmph      (5) None of these

**Q.56.** If 2 men or 5 women or 3 boys can do a piece of work in 55 days, then the same piece of work will be done by 1 man, 1 woman and 1 boy in -

(1)  $53\frac{7}{31}$       (2)  $57\frac{4}{31}$       (3)  $53\frac{5}{31}$

(4)  $53\frac{13}{31}$       (5) None of these

**Q.57.** Find the compound interest of principal Rs. 40,000 for 3 year at the rate of 4% per annum.

(1) Rs. 4894.56      (2) Rs. 4800      (3) Rs. 4600  
 (4) Rs. 4884.64      (5) Rs. 4994.56

**Q.58.** In an election between two candidates in Lucknow, 10% voters did not vote, 300 votes declared invalid and the winner got 56% votes of the voting list and wins by 820 votes. Find the number of valid votes?

(1) 1200      (2) 1800      (3) 1500  
 (4) 2000      (5) 2400

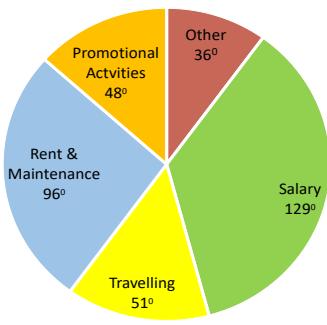
**Q.59.** The marked price of a watch is Rs 1600. A shopkeeper allows two successive discounts 10% and x%. If a customer pays Rs 1152 for the watch, what is the value of x?

(1) 5      (2) 10      (3) 12  
 (4) 15      (5) 20

**Q.60.** The time taken by A to complete a work is less than B by 5 days. If both complete the same work in  $11\frac{1}{9}$  days, in how many days B alone will complete the work?

(1) 15      (2) 18      (3) 20  
 (4) 25      (5) 30

**Q.61-65.** The following Pie-chart shows the distribution of the monthly expenditure of a company in degree in the month of June 2017.



**Q.61.** If Company provide transport facility to their female employees by a cab, 5 Board members and 5 Executive Director by separate Cars. For that in June-2017 company spends Rs.13550 as each driver salary, Rs.50000 as fuels and Rs.30280 for maintenance of vehicles, then how much amount spend on others in the given month?

(1) Rs. 166440      (2) Rs. 185420      (3) Rs. 161880  
 (4) Rs. 156090      (5) None of these

**Q.62.** If Company has 7 branches named as PDH, MAH, MAP, LRJ, AMG, ALM and GMN which are three type on the basis of area type-1 GMN and LRJ(1000 square feet), type-2 MAP, ALM (1500 square feet) and type-3 AMG, PDH and MAH (2000 square feet). Rate of the rent in that city is Rs.150 per square feet and building maintenance is Rs.270000 then find the total expenditure of company in the month of all branches (Combined)?

(1) Rs. 7.2 lakh      (2) Rs. 8.4 lakh      (3) Rs. 6.4 lakh  
 (4) Rs. 9 lakh      (5) None of these

**Q.63.** Considering the previous question data, then expenditure on Rent & maintenance is how much percent less than the total expenditure on salary? (approx)

(1) 12.5%      (2) 20%      (3) 25%  
 (4) 16.67%      (5) None of these

**Q.64.** If in June-2017 total income was Rs.150 (Cr.) and expenditure on others was Rs.9.6 (Cr.) then find the approximate profit percent of the company during this month?

(1) 44%      (2) 37%      (3) 29%  
 (4) 64%      (5) 56%

**Q.65.** If Income and expenditure are considered as the previous question and company donate 5% of profit in social welfare as CSR and rest amount invested in real estate and Shares in the ratio of 5:4 then how much amount it invested in the share.

(1) Rs. 20.6 cr.      (2) Rs. 23.5 cr.      (3) Rs. 25.8 cr.  
 (4) Rs. 22.8 cr.      (5) None of these

**Q.66-70.** What value will come in place of question mark (?) in the number-series given below?

**Q.66.** 12      33      96      ?      852      2553

(1) 282      (2) 285      (3) 283  
 (4) 286      (5) None of these

**Q.67.** 21      25.5      34.5      ?      66      88.5

(1) 42      (2) 46      (3) 45  
 (4) 48      (5) None of these

Iran appointed its first female CEO, Farzaneh Sharafbani to lead its national carrier 'Iran Air'

Q.68. 19 20 ? 27 2.75 18.75

(1) 12 (2) 18 (3) 15 (4) 23 (5) 28

(1) 8 (2) 10 (3) 12  
(4) 6 (5) None of these

Q.69. 7 16 6 21 4 ?

Q.76-80. What value will come in place of question mark (?) in the questions given below?

(1) 18 (2) 22 (3) 20  
(4) 19 (5) None of these

Q.70. 5 13 29 ? 125 253

Q.76.  $1728 \div \sqrt[3]{262144} \times ? - 288 = 4491$ 

(1) 60 (2) 61 (3) 62  
(4) 64 (5) None of these

(1) 148 (2) 156 (3) 173  
(4) 177 (5) None of these

Q.71-75. What approximate value will come in place of question mark (?) in the question given below?

Q.77.  $(41)^2 + (38)^2 \times (0.15)^2 = ?$   
(1) 3125.0225 (2) 1713.49 (3) 3125.15  
(4) 59204.0225 (5) None of theseQ.71.  $(24.99)^2 + (31.05)^2 = (?)^2$ Q.78.  $9634 \times \frac{3}{8} \div ? = 28.902$ 

(1) 45 (2) 36 (3) 32 (4) 28 (5) 40

(1) 115 (2) 95 (3) 110  
(4) 120 (5) None of these

Q.72.  $(35.95)^2 - (24.001)^2 = ?$ Q.79.  $\frac{1}{6}$  of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 640% of 60 = ?

(1) 680 (2) 700 (3) 720 (4) 740 (5) 730

(1) 24 (2) 32 (3) 18  
(4) 16 (5) None of these

Q.73.  $367.85 \div 22.95 \times 14.99 = ?$ Q.80.  $4985.23 + 4632.14 - ? = 4022.12$   
(1) 5955.25 (2) 5595.25 (3) 5295.55  
(4) 5255.95 (5) None of these

(1) 280 (2) 240 (3) 260 (4) 220 (5) 290

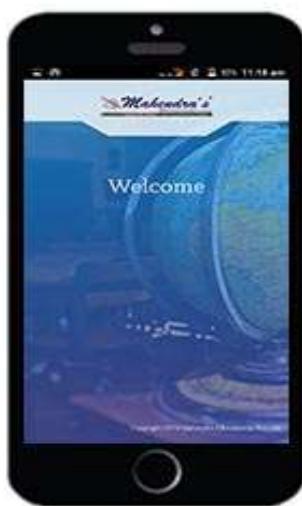
Q.74.  $5687.285 + 4872.35 \div 12 = ?$ 

(1) 6000 (2) 5900 (3) 6100  
(4) 5800 (5) 5600

Q.75. 75% of 230 - ? = 64% of 249



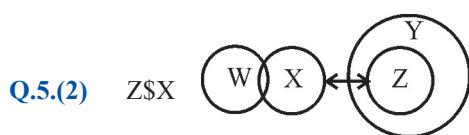
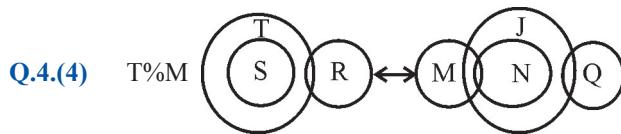
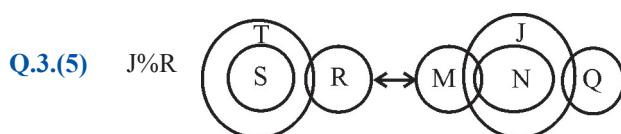
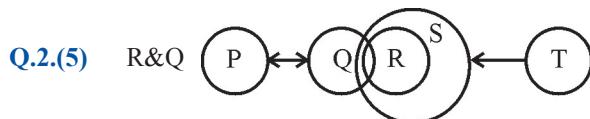
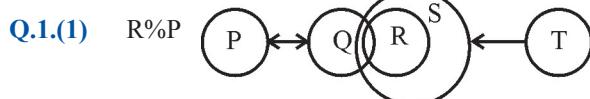
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**REASONING**


**Q.6.(5)** <,<,>,>, $\geq$

**Q.7.(5)** R=P

**Q.8.(1)** >

**Q.9.(4)** <,<, $\geq$ ,=, $\geq$ ,=

**Q.10.(4)** U<Z

**Q.11.(3)** South

**Q.12.(2)** North

**Q.13.(1)** North - East

**Q.14.(5)** None of these

**Q.15.(3)** South-East

**Q.16.(4)** None of these

**Q.17.(1)** 5

**Q.18.(3)** 4 boys and 2 girls

**Q.19.(3)** 7

**Q.20.(2)** 5

**Q.21.(4)** 160

**Q.22.(4)** 290

**Q.23.(2)** 210

**Q.24.(2)** 280

**Q.25.(3)** 200

**Q.26-30.**

K	H	G	P	T	S
E	Z	B	F	D	M

**Q.26.(5)** B  
**Q.27.(4)** P=F  
**Q.28.(4)** K  
**Q.29.(3)** E  
**Q.30.(1)** M

**Q.31-35.**

NU5	T3	H2
CD8		XE6
GU5	MN7	O

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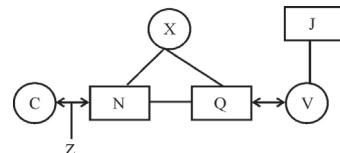
NU2	T3	H2
BC8		XE3
GU2	LM7	O

**Step 2**

GU2	W3	O
NU2		H2
BC8	QR7	XE3

**Step 3**

**Q.31.(1)** LM7  
**Q.32.(3)** No One  
**Q.33.(3)** NU2  
**Q.34.(1)** W3  
**Q.35.(1)** MN7  
**Q.36-38.**



**Q.36.(5)** Can not be determined

**Q.37.(4)** None of these

**Q.38.(3)** Daughter in law

**Q.39.(1)** 4m East

**Q.40.(1)** 8m

**Meghalaya CM Mukul Sangma launched LIFE program at Songsak**

## NUMERICAL ABILITY

Q.41.(4)	Divison	Boys	Girls
	I	126	120
	II	84	61
	III	110	61
	Failed	80	33
	Not Appeared	20	25

$$84+61 = 145$$

$$Q.42.(1) \quad 84 : 33 = 28 : 11$$

$$\frac{126+84+110}{420} \times 100$$

$$Q.43.(3)$$

$$= \frac{320}{420} \times 100 = 76 \frac{4}{21} \%$$

$$Q.44.(4) \quad \frac{562}{720} \times 100 = 78\%$$

$$Q.45.(2) \quad \frac{120-110}{120} \times 100\%$$

$$= 8 \frac{1}{3} \%$$

$$Q.46.(5) \quad (I) \quad \frac{5}{\sqrt{x}} = \sqrt{x}$$

$$x = 5$$

$$(II) \quad (y)^{10} - (5)^{10} = 0$$

$$(y)^{10} = (5)^{10}$$

$$y = 5$$

$$x = y$$

Q.47.(1) From equation (I) and (II),

$$x = 353$$

$$y = -751$$

$$x > y$$

$$Q.48.(2) \quad (I) \quad 3x^2 - 13x + 14 = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 6x - 7x + 14 = 0$$

$$3x(x-2) - 7(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = 2, \frac{7}{3}$$

$$(II) \quad y^2 - 4y - 3y + 12 = 0$$

$$y(y-4) - 3(y-4) = 0$$

$$y = 3, 4$$

$$x < y$$

$$Q.49.(2) \quad (I) \quad 15x = 196 + 17 + 15 + 3x$$

$$12x = 228$$

$$x = 19$$

$$(II) \quad 5y = 228$$

$$y = 45.6$$

$$x < y$$

$$Q.50.(5) \quad (I) \quad 22x^2 - 96 = 256$$

$$22x^2 = 352$$

$$x^2 = 16$$

$$x = \pm 4$$

$$(II) \quad 12y^2 + 343 = 391$$

$$12y^2 = 48$$

$$y^2 = 4$$

$$y = \pm 2$$

So, the relationship can not be established.

$$Q.51.(3)$$

$$P = 25 \times \left( \frac{100}{12.5} \right)^2 \left( \frac{100}{12.5 + 300} \right)$$

$$P = 25 \times (8)^2 \times (0.32)$$

$$P = 25 \times 64 \times 0.32$$

$$P = 512$$

Q.52.(1) Let E be the event of getting 3 balls are of Red colour or 1 Yellow and 2 Blue balls

$$P(E) = \frac{\binom{5}{3} + \binom{3}{1} \times \binom{4}{2}}{\binom{12}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{5 \times 4}{2} + 3 \times \frac{4 \times 3}{2 \times 1}}{\frac{12 \times 11 \times 10}{3 \times 2}}$$

$$= \frac{10 + 18}{220} = \frac{7}{55}$$

Q.53.(1) Ratio of speed of Train, Car and Bus = 6: 5: 3  
Distance =  $2 \times 3 \times 40 = 240$  km.

$$\text{Speed of Bus} = \frac{240}{4} = 60 \text{ kmph}$$

41st annual UNESCO World Heritage Committee conference held in Poland

Difference between speed of train and car

$$\frac{60}{3} \times 1 = 20 \text{ kmph}$$

**Q.54.(4)** S: G = 6: 1

After 10 years

S: R = 2: 1

Riya's age = 4 + 6 = 10

After 10 years Riya's age

 $= 10 + 10 = 20 \text{ years}$ 
 $1 = 20$ 
 $2 = 40$ 

Sheena's present age = 40 - 10 = 30 years

 $6 = 30 \text{ years}$ 
 $1 = 5 \text{ years}$ 

After 8 years Gita's age = 5 + 8 = 13 years

**Q.55.(3)** Let speed of the second train be x kmph

$$\frac{450 + 325}{(60 + x) \times \frac{5}{18}} = 18$$

$775 = 300 + 5x$

$475 = 5x$

$x = \frac{475}{5} = 95$

**Q.56.(1)** 2 men = 55

1 man = 110

5 women = 55

1 woman = 275

3 boys = 55

1 boy = 165

Required time to complete the work by 1 man, 1 woman, 1 boy

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{110} + \frac{1}{275} + \frac{1}{165}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{15+6+10}{1650}} = \frac{1650}{31} = 53\frac{7}{31}$$

**Q.57.(5)** First year compound interest = 1600

Second year = 1600 64

Third year = 1600 64 64 2.56

Total compound interest = 4994.56

**Q.58.(3)**

Let the total voting list = 100x

Voting = 90x

Valid Voting = 90x - 300

Winner got votes = 56x

 $\text{Looser got votes} = 90x - 300 - 56x$   
 $= 34x - 300$ 
 $\text{Now, } 60x - 34x + 300 = 820$ 
 $26x = 520$ 
 $x = 20$ 
 $\text{Valid votes} = 90 \times 20 - 300 = 1500$ 
**Q.59.(5)**

$$1152 = 1600 \times \frac{90}{100} \times \frac{(100-x)}{100}$$

$$(100-x) = \frac{1152 \times 100 \times 100}{1600 \times 90}$$

$$(100-x) = 80$$

$$x = 20$$

**Q.60.(4)** Let B takes x days to complete the work.

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-5} = \frac{9}{100}$$

$$\frac{x-5+x}{x(x-5)} = \frac{9}{100}$$

$$9x^2 - 245x + 500 = 0$$

$$9x^2 - 225x - 20x + 500 = 0$$

$$9x(x-25) - 20(x-25) = 0$$

$$(9x-20)(x-25) = 0$$

$$x = 25, \frac{20}{9}$$

**Q.61.(3)** Total Expenditure on travelling  
 $= 13550 \times 11 + 50000 + 30280 = \text{Rs.} 229330$ 

$$\text{Expenditure on other} = \frac{229330}{51} \times 36$$

$$= \text{Rs.} 161880$$

**Q.62.(1)** Total area =  $1000 \times 2 + 1500 \times 2 + 2000 \times 3 = 11000$ 

 Total Expenditure on rent and maintenance  
 $= 11000 \times 150 + 270000 = \text{Rs.} 1920000$ 

$$\text{Total Expenditure} = \frac{1920000}{96} \times 360 = 7200000$$
  
 $= \text{Rs.} 7.2 \text{ lakh}$

**SBI waives charge on IMPS fund transfer of up to Rs 1,000**

Q.63.(3)  $\frac{129-96}{129} \times 100 = 25.5813\% \approx 25\%$

Q.64.(5) Total Expenditure =  $\frac{9.6}{36} \times 360 = 96$  Cr.

Profit = 150 - 96 = Rs.54 Cr.

Profit Percent =  $\frac{54}{96} \times 100 = 56.25 \approx 56\%$

Q.65.(4) Profit = 150 - 96 = Rs.54

CSR = 5% of 54 = Rs.2.7 cr

Share amount =  $\frac{54-2.7}{9} \times 4 = \text{Rs.}22.8$  (Cr.)

Q.66.(2)  $\times 3-3, \times 3-3, \times 3-3, \times 3-3, \times 3-3$

Q.67.(4)  $+4.5, +9, +13.5, +18, +22.5$

Q.68.(1)  $\times 1+1, \div 2-2, \times 3+3, \div 4-4, \times 5+5$

Q.69.(3)  $\times 2+2, \div 2-2, \times 3+3, \div 3-3, \times 4+4$

Q.70.(2)  $\times 2+3, \times 2+3, \times 2+3, \times 2+3, \times 2+3$

Q.71.(5)  $(?)^2 = 625 + 961$

= 1586

$(?)^2 = (40)^2$

? = 40 (approx)

Q.72.(3) ? = 1296 - 576

? = 720 (approx)

Q.73.(2) ? = 16 × 15 = 240 (approx)

Q.74.(3) ? = 5690 + 406

= 6100 (approx)

Q.75.(1) 172.5 - ? = 159.36

? = 12 (approx)

Q.76.(4)  $1728 \div 64 \times ? = 4779$

$$? = \frac{4779}{27} = 177$$

Q.77.(2) ? =  $1681 + 1444 \times 0.0225$

= 1713.49

Q.78.(5)  $3612.75 \div ? = 28.902$

? = 125

Q.79.(4) ? =  $60 \times \frac{640}{100} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{6}$   
= 16

Q.80.(2) ? =  $9617.37 - 4022.12$

= 5595.25

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1

Shashi Shanker will be the next Chairman and Managing Director of India's biggest oil and gas producer, ONGC.



2

IDFC Ltd announced the appointment of Sunil Kakar as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the company with effect from 16th July for three years.



3

Senior advocate KK Venugopal is the new Attorney General for India. President Pranab Mukherjee has approved his appointment.



4

Qatar Airways was announced the World's Best Airline at the SKYTRAX 2017 World Airline Awards.



5

Anti-hunger activist Ankit Kawatra was recently awarded the Queen's Young Leaders Award for 2017



6

Climate and energy efficiency solutions company Danfoss India has been conferred with the 'Golden Peacock Award' for Environment Management.



7

China's Nobel Peace Prize winner, Liu Xiaobo died. He was 61.



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India's First Indigenously Built Floating Dock FDN-2 Goes on Stream at Kattupalli near Chennai.



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India ranks 23rd among 165 nations in cybersecurity index



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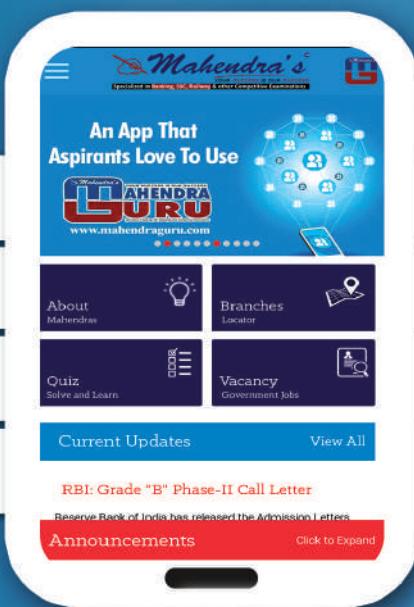
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